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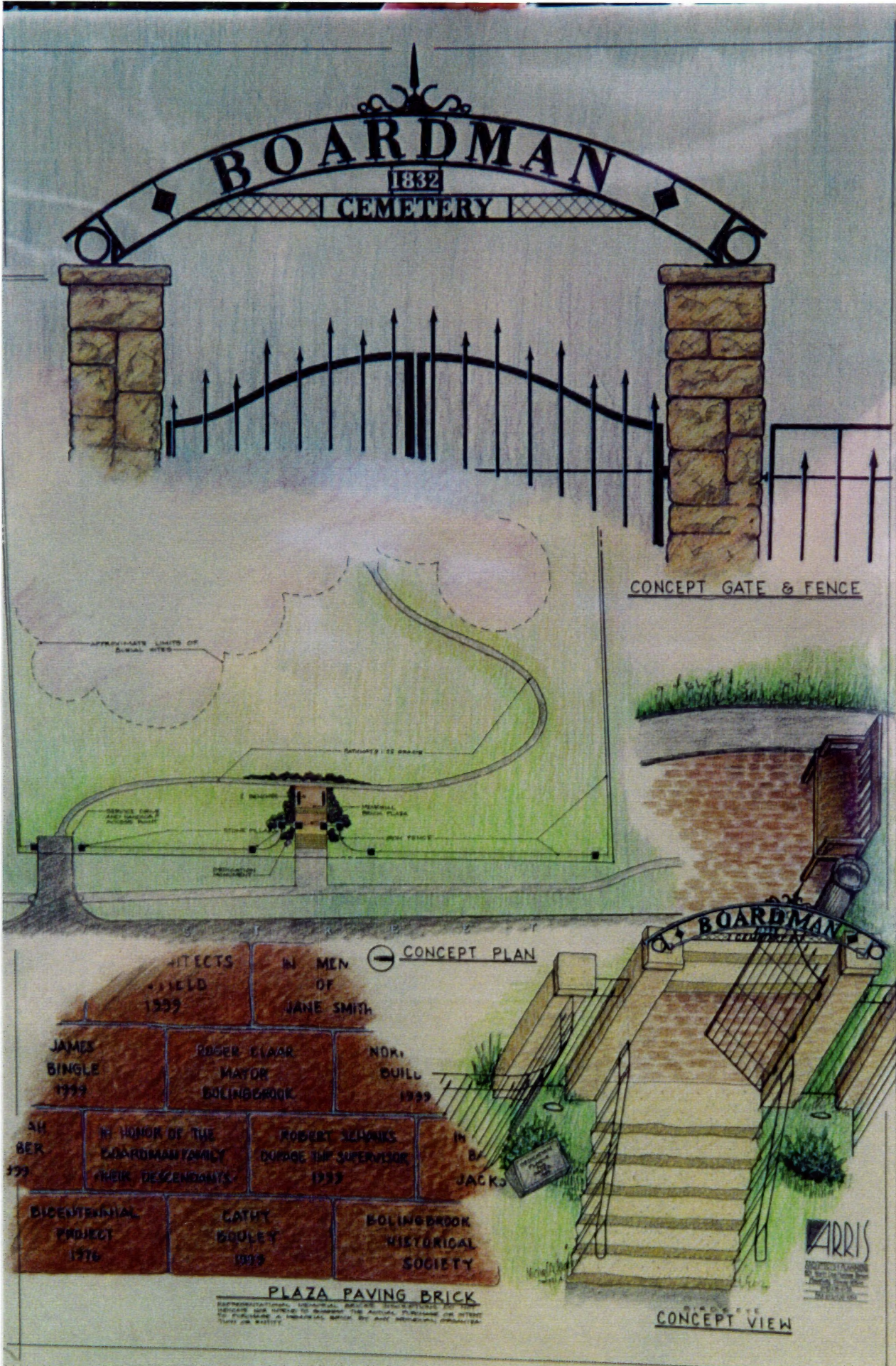
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BOARDMAN CEMETERY EST 1832

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THE RECORDING OF A CEMETERY  
BY THELMA GREENE REAGAN

*Today we walked where others walked  
On a lonely, windswept hill;  
Today we talked where others cried  
For Loved Ones whose lives are stilled.*

*Today our hearts were touched  
By graves of tiny babies:  
Snatched from the arms of loving kin,  
In the heartbreak of the ages.*

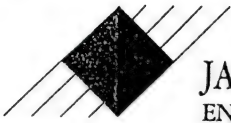
*Today we saw where the grandparents lay  
In the last sleep of the time:  
Lying under the trees and clouds -  
Their beds kissed by the sun and wind.*

*Today we wondered about an unmarked spot;  
Who lies beneath this hollowed ground?  
Was it a babe, child, young or old?  
No indication could be found.*

*Today we saw where Mom and Dad lay.  
We had been here once before  
On a day we'd all like to forget,  
But will remember forever more.*

*Today we recorded for kith and kin  
The graves of ancestors past;  
To be preserved for generations hence,  
A record we hope will last.*

*Cherish it, my friend; preserve it, my friend,  
For stones sometimes crumble to dust  
And generations of folks yet to come  
Will be grateful for your trust.*



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January 7, 2001

Mr. Ron Homerding  
DuPage Township  
241 Canterbury Lane  
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440

Re: Boardman Cemetery on Paxson Drive  
Bolingbrook, Illinois

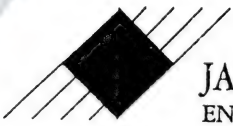
Dear Mr. Homerding:

Jacob & Hefner Associates appreciates the opportunity to submit this proposal for civil engineering and surveying services for the above referenced project.

Based on our discussion at our meeting on December 7, 2000 we have prepared this proposal. The project limits are defined as the east portion of the cemetery property on Paxson Drive where the architectural improvements are proposed. We understand that the owner will provide a property line survey illustrating existing property lines. The survey services will consist of conducting a topographic survey of the front entrance area and the proposed sidewalk areas. We will also verify the property line location based on the existing property line survey. The engineering services provided will essentially consist of the preparation of a grading plan and a dimensional plan. We understand that you will use these plans as part of a submittal to the Village of Bolingbrook for your building permit application.

We have included two meetings with you in the scope of services. The fee for attending project meetings will be excluded if you determine the meetings are not necessary.

Appendix A presents our Scope of Services. Additional services requested will be charged on an hourly basis or by separate proposal. Additional work shall not commence without written authorization from you.



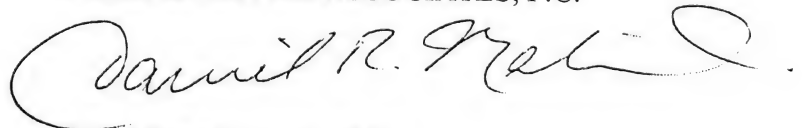
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DuPage Township  
Mr. R. Homerding  
Jan. 7, 2001  
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This proposal and Appendix A represent the entire understanding between you and us with respect to the project and may only be modified in writing and signed by both of us. We will start our services promptly if you agree with this proposal. Our Professional Engineering staff will be dedicated to completing the surveying and engineering drawings within five weeks of your authorization to proceed. Our project team has a thorough knowledge of the requirements for this type of project and substantial experience in working in the Village of Bolingbrook. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Testing Service Corporation. Please call if you have any questions regarding the proposal.

Sincerely,

JACOB & HEFNER ASSOCIATES, P.C.




Daniel R. Malinowski, P.E.  
Vice President

Attachments

**AGREED AND ACCEPTED**

DuPage Township

By: 

Title: Supervisor

Date: Jan 12 2001

**Attachment "A"**  
**Scope of Services & Basis of Compensation**  
**Boardman Cemetery Engineering Plans**  
**Bolingbrook, Illinois**

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<u>Task</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<p>1. <b><u>Construction Documents</u></b> - the following site development documents will be prepared:</p> <p><b>Dimensional Control Plan -</b></p> <p>Prepare preliminary dimensional plans. Prepare a dimensional control plan based on a boundary survey and an approved architectural site plan, showing dimensions between the boundary lines and the proposed improvements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,000</p> <p><b>Grading/Soil Erosion Control Plan -</b></p> <p>Prepare grading plan. The plan will show proposed contours and spot elevations. The plan will also indicate erosion control measures to be implemented during construction.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$700</p> <p><b>Construction Details and Specifications -</b></p> <p>Prepare all necessary details and specifications required for civil site improvements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$400</p>	
<p>2. <b><u>Coordination</u></b> - the site civil engineering documents will be prepared as a stand alone set of drawings not to be incorporated into an architectural plan set. The site civil engineering drawings will be utilized for site construction bidding purposes. We will assist the owner in obtaining proposals from contractors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$500</p>	
<p>3. <b><u>Meetings</u></b> - Attend up to two meetings with the owner, design team and.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$400</p>	

4. **Topographic Survey Services** - Prepare a site topographic survey to verify existing conditions. Prepare a Topographic Survey of the site for use as a base drawing.

\$1,950

**Total Lump Sum Fee**

**\$4,950**

**NOTE: Reimbursable Expenses will be billed in addition to the above stated fees at cost times a factor of 1.10.**

**Services Excluded**

The following services have not been included in our scope of work. Jacob & Hefner Associates can provide these services should they be desired either by separate proposal or on an hourly basis.

- Plat of Subdivision, Plat of Easement, or Plat of Dedication.
- Structural engineering (including design of retaining walls).
- Electrical engineering and lighting design.
- Preparation of bid booklets.
- Design of project signage.
- Design of power, phone, or gas lines.
- Impact fees, review fees, permit fees.
- ALTA/ACSM land title survey.
- Design of detention basin and drainage improvements.
- Revisions to grading plan based on Village review.
- Wetland delineation, mitigation, and permitting.
- Design of road, traffic signal, drainage, or utility improvements.
- Preparation of alternative grading plan concepts.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.
- Phase I Archeological Survey.
- Attendance at Village or Township board meetings.
- Landscape design or tree preservation plan.
- As-Built survey.
- Earthwork and drainage calculations.

**FRANKLIN E. BARBER**, farming and dairy; P. O. Lemont; was born in Du Page Tp., Will Co., Ill., Aug. 25, 1835; his father came West to Illinois in the spring of 1832, and laid a claim where his son now resides; here he lived till the date of his decease, which occurred Dec. 19, 1876. Franklin E. was married Sept. 2, 1867, to Mrs. Adelaide Volentine, a native of New York State; he has five children—Emma E., Etta F., Edward F., Jessie A., and an infant daughter; Mrs. Barber has one child by her former husband—Mary J. His father was one of the early pioneers of Du Page Tp., and came to Chicago, or rather old Fort Dearborn, on the boat that brought Gen. Scott's army to do duty in the Sac war; of him mention is made in the body of this work; Mr. Barber owns the old homestead, 211 acres, valued at \$14,000. Has held the offices of Constable, Town Clerk and School Director. He is a successful farmer, and supplies a large quantity of milk to the cheese-factory now in successful operation near his residence.

**ABNER ROYCE**, farmer; P. O. Naperville; was born in Essex Co., N. Y., June 13, 1826; he is a son of Jonathan and Polly (Emery) Royce; his father was one of the early settlers of Du Page Tp., having settled in the summer of 1835 where his son now lives; here he lived till the date of his decease, which occurred Dec. 14, 1863, at the age of 83 years; his faithful companion followed him April 25, 1875, at the advanced age of 91 years; his father was a very successful business man, and owned at one time between three and four thousand acres of land; he divided his vast accumulations of wealth among his children, and they are following in his footsteps to a successful life; Abner has always lived upon the old homestead, except a temporary absence of four years; in 1850, he went to California, and engaged in mining; in 1854, he returned home. He was married October 18, 1855, to Charlotte Phelps, a native of Essex Co., N. Y.; has six children—Elisha, Truman, Helen J., Irving, Lottie E. and Abner, Jr. Owns 935 acres in Will Co., valued at \$65,000; Mr. Royce has met with good success in all his undertakings.

**THOMAS J. SPRAGUE**, farmer; P. O. Lockport; was born in Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y., Nov. 23, 1810; he remained at home until his majority, experiencing the life of a farmer's son; farming summers and attending school a short time during the winter; in 1837, he came West to prospect the country, and in March, 1838, he settled in Du Page Tp.; the first year, he tilled a farm owned by Joseph Bessey, and the following year labored on the I. & M. Canal on the section just below the Joliet Mound; in 1840, he purchased 160 acres on Sec. 22, Du Page Tp.; this he still owns, and here he resided about eighteen years; in the fall of 1858, he removed to his present residence, on Secs. 34 and 27. He was married Jan. 8, 1844, to Mrs. Lydia Godfrey, daughter of Shubel Swift; her father was one of the pioneers of Du Page Tp.; have had nine children—Charles, Elizabeth, Harriet, Thomas, Frank and Celia living; Lydia, Douglas and Thaddeus, deceased. Owns 590 acres, valued at \$30,000; has held the office of Township Collector and that of Assessor three or four terms. Mr. Sprague was without means when he came West, and by industry and good management has accumulated what he has; he is also extensively engaged in dairying in connection with his farming.

**HORACE BOARDMAN**, farmer; P. O. Naperville; was born in Orleans Co., N. Y., July 25, 1819; in August, 1831, he came West with the family, his father settling on the farm where his son now lives; of his father, who was one of the early pioneers of this section, much appears in the body of this work; he died May 30, 1877, at the advanced age of 83 years, and his ashes rest peacefully in the beautiful little cemetery on the homestead; Horace remained at home till 28 years of age, when he moved to Grand Traverse Bay, Mich., for the purpose of engaging in lumbering; here he remained six years, and, in 1853, returned to Illinois; in the spring of 1864, he moved to Wisconsin, and remained three years; in March, 1867, he returned to Illinois, and has since resided at the old homestead. He was married May 25, 1843, to Laura A. Farr, a native of New York; she died April 16, 1846; his second marriage, to Emily Cowles, a native of New York, occurred Sept. 3, 1849; she died May 2, 1862; his third marriage, to Mrs. Isabella Lewis (Emerson), widow of Chauncey Lewis, was celebrated April 28, 1863; from first marriage, two children were born—Elleu A., Maria A.; from second, three—James C., Abby M., Walker B.; from third, six—George E., Fannie E., Frank H., Harry G., Edith L., Charles Roy. Owns 248 acres in Du Page Tp.; in addition to his farming, he also keeps a large number of cows for dairying purposes; on his farm, in 1846, was operated the first McCormick reaper ever used in the limits of Will Co.

**ROBERT STRONG**, farmer; P. O. Naperville; Mr. Strong is the only surviving pioneer of the few that settled in Du Page Tp., in the early period of 1831; was born in Greensboro, Vt., April 28, 1806; when he was 8 years of age, his father moved to Susquehanna Co., Penn., and engaged in clearing land and farming; in 1819, the family moved to Chemung Co., Penn., and opened a farm where the town of Waverly now stands; in 1825, his father moved to Ogden, in Monroe Co., N. Y.; in 1831, Robert came to seek a home in the Far West and settled where he now resides, having purchased a claim of a half-section of Selby & Walker; here, in company with his young and lovely bride, he commenced, amid the difficulties and privations incident to pioneer life, to carve out his fortune. He was married April 21, 1831, to Caroline W. Willey, a native of Oneida Co., N. Y.; she was born May 10, 1811; eleven children have blessed their union, four—Alfred W., Robert H., Mary A. (now widow of James N. George) and Albert M.—are living; seven are dead. Owns 230 acres of land, valued at \$17,000. Has held the offices of Supervisor, Justice of the Peace eight years, School Treasurer sixteen years, with the enormous salary of \$10 for the first ten years. And here upon a portion of his original purchase made almost one-half of a century ago, he still lives, the only remaining landmark of those who settled in Du Page in 1831 or 1832; all the others have either rested from their labors or changed their locations; to him we are indebted for much of the early history of Du Page Tp.

**THOMAS WILLIAMS**, farmer; P. O. Lockport; was born in County Cornwall, Eng., Jan. 18, 1807; he immigrated to America in March, 1825, and first settled in Schuylkill Co., Penn., when he engaged in mining and shipping coal to Philadelphia about two years; he next contracted and built a portion of the Portage Railroad across the Alleghany Mountains from Hollidaysburg to Johnstown; in 1834, he came to Illinois and settled in Chicago; in June, 1836, in conjunction with Chas. E. Boyer, he contracted four sections on the I. & M. Canal and commenced work thereon; in 1848, he built twelve miles of the Chicago & Galena Railroad between Chicago and Elgin; in 1850, they went to California and constructed the levee in front of Sacramento City; afterward they constructed a tunnel 1,900 feet long, bringing the waters of Bear River down to the flats of Ophir; in 1854, they contracted on deepening the I. & M. Canal, and finished the work in 1857; he located on present place of residence in 1846. He was married in 1832, to Susan Horner, a native of Pennsylvania; eight children have been born to them; of these, four are living—Julia, Stephen J., Susan and Carrie. Owns 500 acres of land, valued at \$40,000; he is at present Supervisor; has held the office of School Trustee and School Director. In all his public enterprises he has met with good success.



# Cemetery

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Paxson Drive, was the most haunted graveyard in northern Illinois.

But Bredeweg, a former Will County Board member who now works as the general assistance administrator for DuPage Township, does not believe the rumors.

"I've been out there at night, and I just laugh (about it being haunted)," she said. "To me, it's just a very nice cemetery that needs a lot of care."

The Halloween tours were an afterthought by the commission, according to Mecler.

"We used to go out there on Halloween just to stem the vandalism, but we then decided, since we were going to be out there anyway, we should open it up for tours."



Established in 1832 as a resting place for the early settlers of the area, the cemetery is owned and maintained by DuPage Township.

In 1976, members of the Bolingbrook Historical Society restored the cemetery and identified the names of all except one person buried there.

Some of the headstones were damaged by vandals before the subdivision was built, according to Bredeweg.

While most of the gravestones have been pieced back together, there are still more improvements to be completed.

An effort is under way by the historic preservation committee and DuPage Township to replace the rusted fence around the cemetery with a new rod-iron fence,

lim...ars and a fancy gate with an arch.

"We want to turn it into an urban, turn-of-the-century cemetery," Bredeweg said.

The renovations will cost about \$40,000, and over the past year the township and historic commission have raised \$25,000 for the project.

Michael Lambert, an architect from Plainfield who is a descendent of the Boardman family, designed the plans for the renovation work.



Most of the people buried in the cemetery died in the 19th century, except for a baby who died in the early 1990s. At least one person buried in the cemetery, Andrew Ingalls, was a Civil War veteran. Ingalls died in Gallaton, Tenn., in 1863.

Another notable figure from the area buried in the cemetery is Jonathan Royce, a prominent settler who once owned more than 3,000 acres of land in the township. Royce died in 1986.

His wife, Mary "Polly" Emery Royce, also is buried in Boardman Cemetery. Her father, Joshua Emery, was a Revolutionary War soldier, who fought with the patriots.

There are 95 headstones in the cemetery; all but one name has been identified.

However, Mecler said there are more than 95 people buried in the cemetery.

"Many of the graves do not have any markings," Mecler said. "It may not look like it, but there are very orderly, distinct rows that are clearly burial sites."



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# BOLINGBROOK

# METROPOLITAN

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## Rousseau files suit against county

**By Vickie Valdez**  
The Metropolitan

A seven-count lawsuit charging malicious prosecution, defamation, breach of contract and interference with business relationships was filed against Will County, the county's State's Attorney James Glasgow and former risk manager Jonathan Dopkeen on May 21.

The suit was filed by Frank Rousseau, former Will County third-party health-insurance administrator, in response to a medical claims audit report released May 21 on the county's former third-party health insurance administrator Suburban Health Care Benefits Inc.

## City honors war vets

**By Vickie Valdez**  
The Metropolitan

The Bolingbrook community honored its fallen service men and women Monday with a ceremony at the Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial in front of the Village Center. Ceremonies were also held at the Boardman Cemetery and the Boughton Road Cemetery.

The celebration at the Memorial was started by a parade of colors, with color guards representing the Bolingbrook police and fire departments, the Bolingbrook Hospital Air Force ROTC, the American Legion Post 1288, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5917, Cub Scout Pack 31 and Boy Scout Troop 173.

Guest speaker Jim Meyer, state representative for the 82nd District and the minority spokesman for veterans



*Vickie Valdez/The Metropolitan*

Residents inspect a UH60 Blackhawk air assault helicopter during the city's Memorial Day celebration at the Village Center, while various officials (below) address those who took part in a ceremony at the Boardman Cemetery.

rifices made by the men and women who died defending America.

"All across this nation we will be celebrating today and I believe it will be a celebration not without sacrifice," said Meyer.

Meyer was selected as Legislator of the Year by the National Guard.

The celebration also marked the 10th anniversary of the Bolingbrook Veterans Memorial. Mayor Roger Claar unveiled a temporary plaque that will be placed permanently at the site to commemorate the memorial.

"One of the greatest feelings I get is when I pass by and I see people of any ages sitting on those benches and looking at the memorial. I treasured having been your mayor," said Claar.

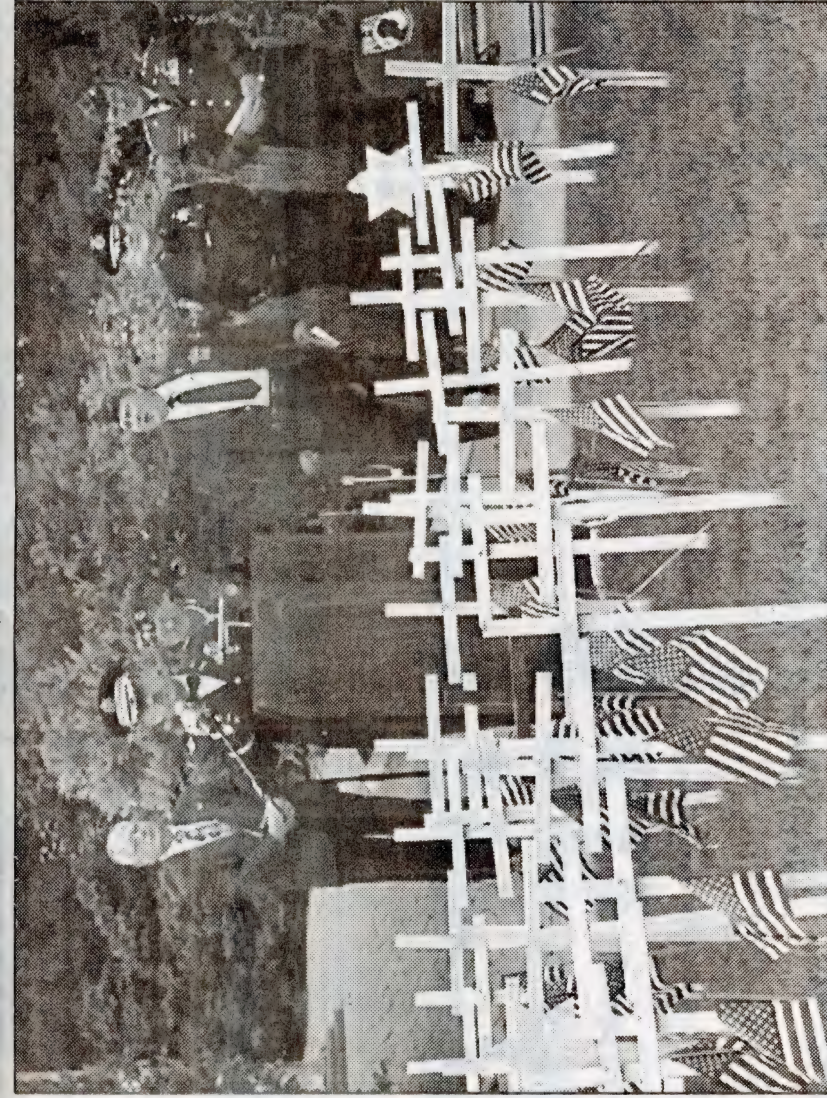
Police Chief Ken Each thanked Claar for "making Bolingbrook an excellent community, a community that cares." Each, who was wounded in combat in Vietnam, said he was most proud of being a veteran.

"Today my fellow vets," said Each, "thank you for being here to remember those who went before. From the bottom of my heart, I love you. On behalf of other vets, I thank you."

John Davin, commander of the Bolingbrook VFW, urged residents to rethink the meaning of Memorial Day.

"Today is more than the end of a three-day sale, it's a day of honor," said Davin.

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## Civil War re-enacted at Boardman Cemetery

By **Vickie Valdez**  
The Metropolitan

A Memorial Day ceremony at the Boardman Cemetery honored Bolingbrook's history as well as honor America's fallen war veterans.

A colorguard of Bolingbrook veterans from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion presented the flag.

Also, Civil War re-enactors presented a wreath at the

grave of Andrew E. Ingals, a Civil War Veteran killed in action at Gallatin, Tenn. The re-enactors shot three rounds from their muskets to honor the veterans.

Several residents brought their children to the ceremony as a lesson in the meaning of Memorial Day.

Bruce Bryan brought his daughters to the ceremony after discussing the meaning of the holiday with them at home.

"We brought our kids just as a reminder of what Memorial Day is all about," said Bryan.

Sandy Primm said she brought her children — Joshua, Niki and Danielle — to the ceremony to teach them about Memorial Day because "they don't have a close connection to war."

Primm also had an ulterior motive in bringing her children: teaching them that

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Rousseau's former business, Rousseau Insurance Management Inc., was also named as a plaintiff in the suit.

The suit was described as a "tactic to try to divert attention away from the findings in the audit," said Lisa Morel Las, the director of public administration at the state's attorney's office.

Rousseau's attorney, Doug Roller of Roller and Assoc., Chicago, said the lawsuit was in response to Glasgow's continuing pursuit of his client.

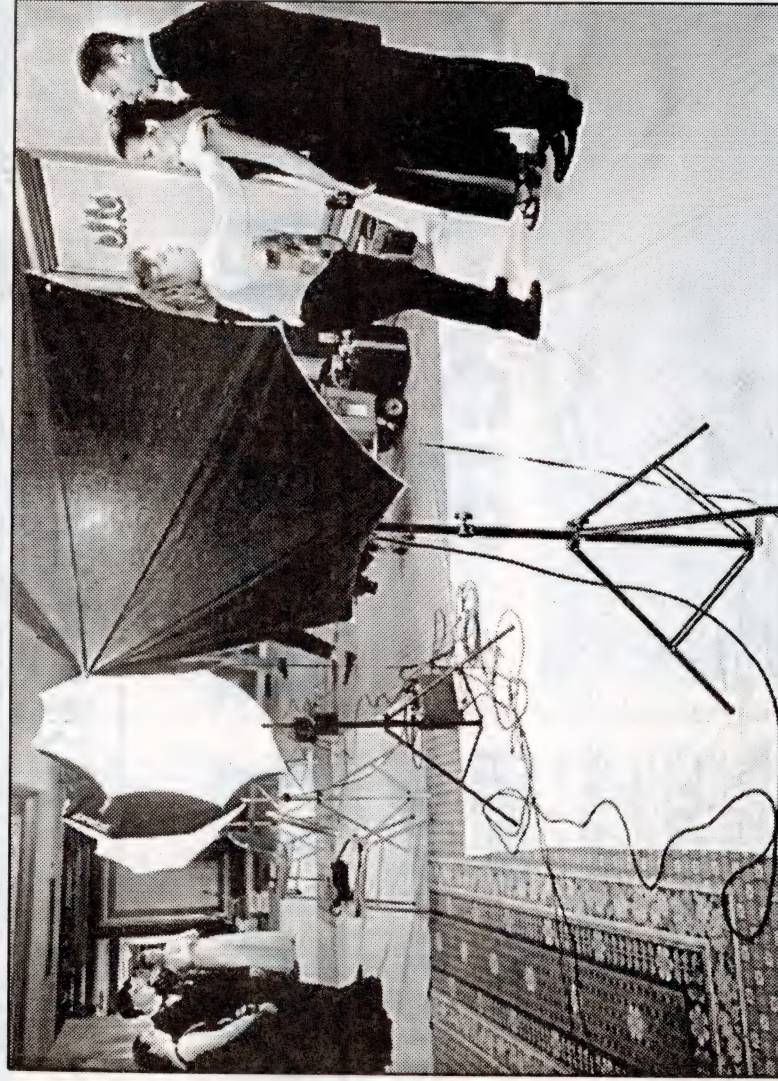
Rousseau was indicted by Glasgow on four counts of felony theft in May 1997 and was acquitted of all charges. The indictment claimed that Rousseau had obtained money belonging to Will County and misrepresented fees by providing false information. Rousseau and SHCB had administered the county's health-care plan, and had been responsible for monitoring prescription contracts, stop-loss insurance contracts and cutting checks to reimburse claims.

"It was an attack on Frank's [Rousseau] professional and personal integrity that was not warranted," said Roller. "Then they came up with the audit. Enough is enough, and that's why the lawsuit was filed."

The suit claims that Glasgow and Dopkeen intended to defame Rousseau and destroy his business reputation. Also, a press release distributed by Roller alleges that Glasgow attempted to convince Rousseau to testify against Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar in exchange for not investigating

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## NEWS



Steve Harman/for The Metropolitan

## A picture says a thousand words

Joan Fasanella of Root Photography adjusts the strap on Kim Ranachowski's dress as David Dewar poses patiently for their portrait during the Bolingbrook High School Prom at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Friday.

## ■ SUIT

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him.

Glasgow, who described the release as "frivolous" and "ridiculous," said the allegations were "a bald-face lie as far as the communication with him as far as Claar."

He added, "The only time I ever spoke to him was on the witness stand in open court."

Board aided by two outside agencies: the Segal Co. and Tactics Inc. Dopkeen is now employed with the Segal Co.

The audit reported irregularities in the medical-claims process including favoritism, PPO hospital overpayments, and a failure to monitor stop-loss insurance and prescription drug contract overpayment.

to cover a check before Suburban Health Care Benefits Inc. cut the check.

However, Tactics did acknowledge in the audit report that it was unable to determine whether the preferential treatment was instigated by SHCB or the county.

Overpayments were made to PPO hospitals, the audit report said, because the ne-

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"Today we should all relearn the meaning of Memorial Day and pass it on to our children."

Some residents in attendance did just that.

Rueben Moore said he brought his two sons, Jeron and Jerrin, because he believes it is very important they know what the day is about.

"It's not just a day off of school. I brought them just to give them time to reflect on all the people who were involved," said Moore.

Bolingbrook native Wayne Vonperbandt played taps at the ceremony.

The celebration also featured an appearance by a UH60 Blackhawk air assault helicopter. The helicopter landed in front of the village center at 10 a.m. and lifted off again at 1 p.m.

## ■ CEMETERY

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cemeteries aren't spooky.

"They [the memorial society] have done such a good job, they have just done an excellent job with upkeep of this cemetery," said Primm.

Joshua Primm said, "I like coming here to see all the people and look at the graves of the people who died in the Civil War."

The Boardman Cemetery, originally set aside in 1832 by Capt. Harry Boardman for use as a cemetery, was forgotten and fell to disrepair. It was rediscovered by 16-year-old resident Lois Michel in 1971.

The colorguard included Louis Guinand, World War II, U.S. Navy; William Milne, World War II, U.S. Navy; Wayne Horn, Vietnam, U.S. Army; Aaron Chojnacki, Vietnam, U.S. Army; and Clyde Ruble, Vietnam, U.S. Army.

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# LIFESTYLE

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Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook is the resting place of many of the village's town fathers, including members of the Boardman and Royce families. A favorite stop at Halloween, the cemetery is the site of an annual Halloween night watch sponsored by the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission.

# A haunted past?

## Region has own share of (possibly) tall tales

By Robin Sheffield

For Press Publications

**C**harlie Brown and his Peanuts gang had their pumpkin patch with the requisite yearly vigil. But northern Will and western Cook counties have their own tales, their own Halloween hauntings ... the haunted buildings ... the unexpected visits from "the Ghost of Roommates Past."

This residential ghost story was recently brought to the attention of the staff at a Lemont museum.

"Two young guys doing research came to the [Lemont Historical Society] museum" looking for information on the old Central School on Stephens Street, said Susan Donahue, museum secretary and coordinator of Sunday programs/guide.

The men had rented one of the apartments now located where the school once stood.

"They thought they were playing jokes on each other," Donahue related.

It must have been a prank, they'd each reasoned, the first time it happened. One of them had been watching television, and emptied out his pockets as he lay on the rug. At some point he'd gone into the kitchen to get a drink, and when he returned he noticed package of gum missing. Under the couch, he

thought.

No ... then probably his roommate had swiped it.

The second occurrence was during a party when one of the guests found her lighter missing.

Had someone been playing tricks while the guests feasted on treats?

Again the roommates cast accusing eyes at one another.

The third occasion was different, Donahue said. The two had gone downstairs together — did they dare leave each other alone now? — but when they came back upstairs they found all the doors left open, the kitchen cabinets ajar, and the refrigerator door swinging in the breeze.

Could it be ... The Ghost of Roommates Past? The two wanted to know.

Some sightings have occurred only once.

"In 1987 at the opening of the I&M [Illinois & Michigan Canal] Visitors Center [in the Gaylord Building on Eighth Street in Lockport], one or two people thought they sensed the presence of George Gaylord," claimed Char Giardina of the Visitors Center.

"And they were serious about it too," she added.

### Gotcha!

Other stories go back many years.

There's the story of "The Clawman." Born Patrick

O'Malley, he came to America "just one jump ahead of the sheriff," said Toni Balsley, a Lockport woman who works for the Department of Natural Resources in Joliet.

O'Malley, at seven feet tall and 250 pounds, was a giant of a man with an enormous appetite for pie, who arrived in New York in 1839 at age 21.

He and a friend started out for the wilds of Chicago, but "it took them six years to get here. What could an Irishman do when there were so many pubs in the way?" Balsley maintained.

Demon rum got the young man into trouble in the Windy City as well, and he found himself tied to a three-year contract to work on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. He was working in Ottawa when a circus came to town. An accident with a cannon cost him both his arms, but he was taken to the tent of two doctors who traveled with the circus and were expected to do wonders.

Somehow, the doctors replaced O'Malley's arms with those of a circus bear. Now, all this occurred in the days before malpractice lawsuits, according to Balsley. But no amount of malpractice insurance could have prevented the ugly turn that justice took when the doctors' bloodied and mangled corpses were found smeared across the

towpath.

A posse came from Morris "but left in a hurry," Balsley went on. Wealthy Chicagoans journeyed to the area to see "The Clawman," and all met a mysterious fate.

"Don't go on the towpath [by the canal] after dark or The Clawman will getcha!" she concluded.

### The cemetery

Cemeteries seem to loom large in the lore of hauntings. Bolingbrook residents point with pride to the frightening aspects of Boardman Cemetery, located at Paxson and Royce roads.

"People think that's the most haunted cemetery in northern Illinois," said Judy Bredeweg of the town's Historic Preservation Commission.

"It's because a lot of women are buried there, and most are women who died in childbirth.

"There are a lot of sentimental headstones like 'Too Sweet to Die,'" she added.

"High-school kids pointed out ghost faces on one of the tombstones last year at Halloween," noted commission member Ed Mecler.

The one-acre plot "has 95 graves of early ancestors of the township," and is maintained by DuPage Township, according to Bredeweg.

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## HISTORIC BOLINGBROOK CEMETERY

### OPEN FOR PUBLIC TOURS ON MEMORIAL DAY

**A historic Bolingbrook burying ground, Boardman Cemetery, will be open to the public for tours on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. The gates will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Members of the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission will be stationed at the Royce Road cemetery to answer questions about the cemetery's history. But first, the Bolingbrook V.F.W. and the American Legion will start off the day with a memorial service at the cemetery at 9:00 a.m. At least one Civil War veteran is buried at Boardman.**

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**The burying ground is named for Captain Harry Boardman, who set aside the hillside he owned for the pioneer community's first cemetery. Under the care of the Township now, the cemetery is located off Royce Road on Paxson Drive.**

**It is now part of the Village of Bolingbrook, and now surrounded by the new homes of the Heritage Creek subdivision. Streets in the subdivision are named for those buried in the cemetery, such as the Harry Boardman, Charles Paxson, Robert Strong and Abner Royce families. For more information about the cemetery or open house, call Village Hall at 226-8411.**

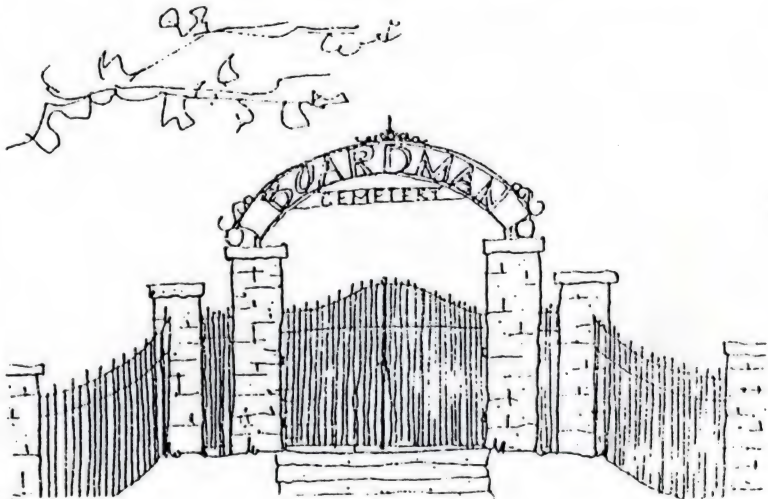
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# Graveyard helps find village's forgotten past

**BOLINGBROOK**—A group of residents is looking into the village's past by restoring a forgotten cemetery on a hill above Royce Road on the northwest side.

The Bolingbrook Historical Society conducted its second "work-picnic" Saturday at the old and abandoned graveyard popularly known as Boardman Cemetery, believed to be the burial ground for many of the area's early residents.

The restoration efforts will continue for the next few weeks to bring the graveyard into suitable condition to be made an historical village landmark, according to society Pres. Judith Bredeweg.

The society was recently incorporated as a nonprofit organization. Its intent, said Ms. Bredeweg, is to rediscover and restore historical sites in the village. The work at the cemetery is one of the society's first projects.

Ms. Bredeweg believes Bolingbrook's past contains things of value.

"We have a rural heritage we should save," she said. "This area doesn't go back 10 years, it goes back further than that."

For example, she said, near the cemetery on Royce Road stands a small plaque at the site of the first school in the Cook County School District, which once included this area.

Also, she said, an Indian massacre reportedly occurred here in the late 1830s. The survivors fled 35 miles east to Fort Dearborn, now Chicago.

And an area farmer was reportedly the first to use the reaper invented by Cyrus McCormick, but waited to pay for it until he was convinced it would work.

The historical society also hopes to investigate the alleged existence of buried mastodons in the area and search for Indian ceremonial burial mounds.

Settlers apparently first came to Bolingbrook around 1832, the earliest date appearing on head stones in the battered cemetery on the hill overlooking the deserted Freeman farmhouse.

The house, dating to the mid-1800s, has been chosen by the society as the site for a museum dedicated to local history.

The cemetery went undiscovered from about 1930 until four years

ago, when a young girl found it while walking the fields. The graveyard had become dilapidated and overgrown with weeds, said Ms. Bredeweg.

She said the group's hardest task will be to restore the many grave markers at the cemetery, including a seven-foot pillared monument that is slowly falling on its side.

The farmer Freeman who founded the homestead is buried on the hill overlooking it, she said.

Alongside his grave are the graves of his three wives. The caption on one headstone reads, "Rest well, beloved," and the second bears, "Rest well, beloved also." But the third wife's headstone carries no message.

And Freeman's marker carries none either, leaving their relationship undescribed, for better or worse.

Many early graves also hold young women who died in childbirth, added Ms. Bredeweg.

The historical society meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. at Woodview School, 197 Winston Dr. Membership fees are \$5 a person, \$8 for families and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

# Historical society 1975 to restore cemetery

**BOLINGBROOK** — Five years ago, a 16-year-old girl tripped across Bolingbrook's past.

Today, a small but dedicated group of village residents is making sure that her discovery won't be forgotten.

The girl stumbled into the Boardman Cemetery off Royce Road just west of Illinois 53 on the village's north side. The cemetery contains the graves of some of the first residents of the area that now includes Bolingbrook.

Restoration of the cemetery and documentation of the dates and names on the tombstones is one of the major projects of the Bolingbrook Historical Society.

But the organization needs money to accomplish its goals and a recently published booklet, "Bolingbrook Does Too Have A History," is a way of raising funds and providing information, according to Shirley Dusky, new society president.

Some 250 copies have been sold for \$1 each since the booklet came out last spring. Copies are available at the DuPage Township offices in the basement of the Fountaindale Library Bolingbrook branch, 300 W.

Briarcliff Rd.

The society's next major goal is to obtain the Freeman House off Royce Road near Boardman Cemetery, said Ms. Dusky. The house, which still is rented to tenants, is more than 100 years old and is an example of the area's past architecture, she said.

The society wants the Freeman House as a museum of local history. The owner, however, has been trying to sell the property to developers, Ms. Dusky said.

Meanwhile, society members are trying to complete renovation of Boardman Cemetery. Ms. Dusky said some of the headstones still haven't been dug up and the area needs more cleaning.

A workday at the cemetery is planned for Aug. 20.

The society's next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. Sept. 15 at Wood View School, 197 Winston Dr. The group meets the third Thursday of every month.

The society has 30 members. Membership fees are \$5 a year, \$1 for senior citizens and school-age children.

For more information, call Ms. Dusky at (312) 759-3590.



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## History of Bolingbrook: out of a cemetery springs a living understanding of the community's past



James Bingle holds a newly-  
righted gravestone in place

was expended in unearthing it  
and arranging the pieces.

By Jay Pridmore

History is alive and well in Bolingbrook, and right now resides in the old DuPage Township cemetery, set back amidst the farmlands on Royce Road.

The Bolingbrook Historical Society's "work-picnic" last Saturday showed that some people recognize that local history around here extends far beyond the incorporation of the village 10 years ago. In fact, the very farms which border the DuPage River in, and just outside Bolingbrook were some of the first lands snatched up by early 19th century homesteaders. It is also a fact that Cyrus McCormick's reaper was first tried out by a farmer around here who ordered one from the inventor, but waited to see if it would work before paying for it.

**INCIDENTS LIKE THESE** are the makings for some rich stuff for historical buffs in Bolingbrook, who are excitedly starting out by reconstructing the old graveyard to find out when the area was inhabited, and by whom. The markers indicate that Christian people began dying in DuPage Township as early as the 1830's, and some of the names show that they were not just wanderers, lost on their way to or from Chicago. The Broadman family, which seems to have a plot among the ruins of gravestones, was an important one in early Cook County politics, according to DuPage Township assessor James Bingle, one of the most knowledgeable of the local history buffs.

Bingle's efforts have been spearheading the project to reassemble the grave stones and clean up the cemetery, to make it a pleasant and interesting place for Bolingbrookers to absorb some of their heritage. Bingle credits Lois Michael, a young resident of the area, with the "modern discovery" of the graveyard. In walking through the clump of trees on a moraine in a Royce Road bean field, she found the old cemetery in a jungle-like thicket and reported it to Bingle, whom she knew to be intensely interested in the local history.

In perusing county records in Joliet, Bingle found that the cemetery was deeded to the county in 1847. Two years ago, he arranged for the county to turn it over to DuPage Township, and the township has since put a fence around it to discourage further depredations against the stone markers.

**THE HISTORICAL** Society has found the cemetery to be a likely bicentennial

project, and it is particularly attractive since there stands down the slope from it the old Freeman farmhouse, which the society is considering for a museum. Judith Bredeweg, president of the historical society, is excited about the prospects for a place where the farm tools and furniture of the area's history might be displayed nearby to the interesting old graveyard.

Whether money is secured for that scheme or not, the love of history shown by the workers at the graveyard last Saturday was in total disregard of what the future might bring. History is not a passive undertaking — it's hard and fascinating work — and on this day, it was a family outing in which all contributed.

"Doing" history was exciting and creative work. Scrubbing the dirt off one collapsed stone revealed that its most careful inscription recorded the name of the carver, "J.M. Andrus — Aurora." It was wondered where else this stone cutter might have worked, how widespread and how expensive his masterpieces were. A call or trip to Aurora by one of the society members may yield an answer to this question.

**HOW PEOPLE BURY** their dead is telling of how they lived and by whom they were influenced, it was noted. Comparisons between this graveyard and others around Illinois, and elsewhere, will indicate some interesting things about what the people in DuPage Township were thinking, and perhaps even how they worshipped, in relation to others in the Midwest in the 1800's.

Saturday's efforts got into the science of archaeologists, and judging from the thought and determination of some of the workers on this day, they were equal to the task. But not all will have to await the results of comparison studies to get a feeling for life among the homesteaders. One inscription on a stone "put together like a jigsaw puzzle" bore the verse:

Rejoice for a mother deceased  
Our loss is her infinite gain  
A soul out of prison released  
And freed from bodily chain

The inscription was on the grave of Elizabeth Hawkin, a name overlooked, no doubt, in the history books of the era. But in the minds of more than one amazed gravestone reader, Mrs. Hawkin was important, not only because she lived and died, but also because she did it right here, and with feeling that was just now rediscovered.

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Trib photo by Michael Sims

Members of the Bolingbrook Historical Society hope these grave markers in the restored Boardman Cemetery will help them reconstruct the history of the area.

# Bolingbrook finds its past in a cemetery

By Margaret Kriz

ON A SMALL, grassy hill in Bolingbrook, nearly forgotten and barely visible from the road, lies the center of Bolingbrook's history.

The locale, a small cemetery, marks the arrival of the area's first farming residents who built a society in the open Illinois fields, many of which now are filled with subdivisions and commercial plazas.

With only 12 years of its own municipal history behind it, Bolingbrook and some of its residents are reaching back in time to find the village's origins. The Bolingbrook Historical Society, formed two years ago as a Bicentennial project, is looking to the old cemetery for some answers about those origins.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** members began rejuvenating the long-forgotten cemetery shortly after the society was formed by the Bolingbrook Federated Women's Club.

Linda Ulrich, former president of the historical society, said reconstruction and housekeeping had not been done in the cemetery since a near-by village's Daughters of the American Revolution group held a memorial service in the 1940s, long before Bolingbrook was formed.

She said the cemetery was forgotten for

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Trib photo by Michael Sims

During the restoration of the Boardman Cemetery, grave markers that date back to 1832 have been discovered.



Jonathon and Polly Royce  
1870



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# Local history revealed in Royce Road cemetery

As the crow flies, the old Royce Road cemetery sits about a mile from Bolingbrook, separated by a seven-mile stretch of the DuPage River. The Royce Road bridge, just west of Ill. Rt. 53, closed a few months ago because of wear, was the only direct route between the village and the cemetery.

To get there now, it is necessary to cross the river three miles west on Naperville Road, turn at Royce Road which runs parallel to Boughton, and proceed two miles east along Royce. Faint evidence of a tractor trail takes cars across the farmland, and up several hundred yards to the graveyard. It is secluded from even the middle-aged dragsters which like the Royce Road pavement.

The cemetery, you perceive then, sits on a knoll which offers a commanding view of the land around, and the DuPage River plain beyond. The quarry works you might expect to be obtrusive, but the vantage point is more formidable than even the blasters' heaps of whatever they tear out of the earth.

**TREES GROW** on the acre plot, and centered in a rolling bean field flourishes a glorious mass of shade. Pheasants have chosen this place to covey that more than a century ago was saved by the homesteaders to bury their dead.

The place is serene, but still. Historical Society President Judy Bredeweg was frowning at the weeds in the cemetery. They were weeds that the historical society cast out last year in its first effort to restore the cemetery. But the dandelions and thick cover had come back, as weeds and land speculators often will. "Look at it," she said as she kicked a juniper. "We're back where we started last year."

The cemetery has been Mrs. Bredeweg's special project. Dating back to the mid-1800's, recently it was found to belong to the township, which fenced it off from unsavory characters who found the overgrown hideaway long before historians. Away from the cemetery is an old Victorian farmhouse, the Freeman House, named for the homesteaders who built it, according to research. That will be

saved too, thanks to the beneficence of a Naperville developer who owns the 200-acre spread and shares Mrs. Bredeweg's curiosity.

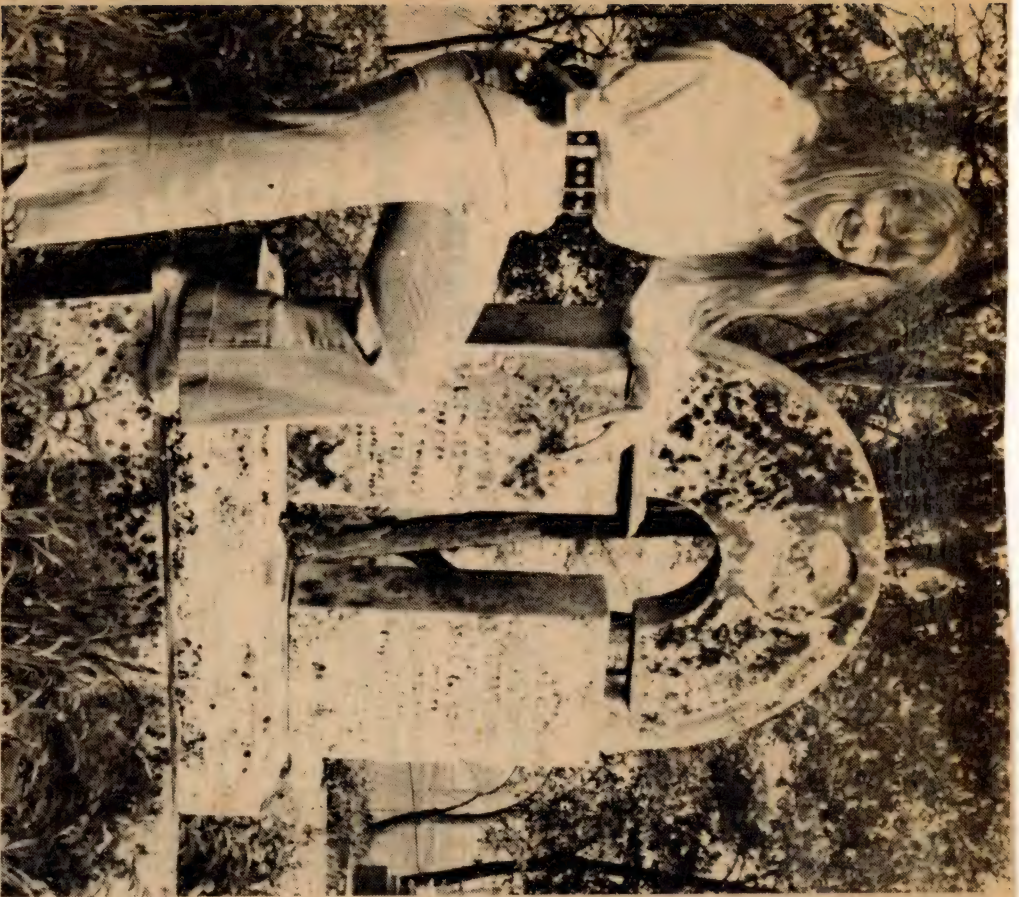
The first and foremost researcher of local history is township assessor James Bingle. Bingle can describe the pioneer boundaries of the open prairie much as could a homesteader, squamish about encroaching on Indian hunting grounds. And he is familiar with the 1830's personalities settling in "Fountaindale," this community where Cyrus McCormick sent his contraption this way for the first time.

**BINGLE'S FRIENDLY PIECES** of information come from hours of research in county archives and other sources. What moves him? What moves any historian? One incentive for Bingle might be the ruined gravestone of Robert Strong, who for 52 years was superintendent of the Sunday school of First Presbyterian, Bingle's church.

Mrs. Bredeweg looked at the Strong stone, smiled and said, "That's Bingle's favorite. He'll be working on it." Then she looked across the acre at the dozens of old stones, some still clean from last year, others tumbled, and others hanging together tenuously after provisional restoration work last summer. "I don't know if we should take on the whole area, or if we should zero in on just a few parts." She walked over to her favorite, the Jonathon and Polly Royce stone of the 1870's. Her dismay at the general disrepair brightened when she read the dated inscription, "Mother" and "Father." It had been found face down in dirt, the marble, weathered.

The wind picked up through the oak and walnut branches, and she said, "This is the best place to find local history. There really is a lot here."

All day Saturday, historical society members and others will be cutting through the weeds for some new stories, human adventures, and pioneer dramas they can reconstruct themselves from a discarded Gravestone. It is the noble historical process, that starts with a sickle and lawnmower.



Judy Bredeweg stands with an aged gravestone recently uprighted in the century-old Royce Road Cemetery, now being refurbished by Bolingbrook Historical Society members.

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# Rediscovered cemetery has clues to Bolingbrook's past

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several years until in the early 1960s a young girl stumbled across it while hiking through the area. Ulrich surmised that the site was probably used as a lover's lane over the years, because of its hidden location and the abundance of beer cans and other trash in the overgrown cemetery.

**FROM THE** rubble, the society members righted many of the fallen headstones and are still uncovering other markers.

The oldest headstone found thus far dates back to 1832, a few years after the first families began to settle the area. The last burial in the cemetery took place in the 1920s.

Ulrich said that the settlers who came to the area in those days were in many ways similar to the new "settlers" moving to Bolingbrook today.

**"MOST OF US** have no family in this area, we're from other parts of the country starting new," she said.

The thought of 12-year-old Bolingbrook having a historical society has produced wry comments in some circles, Ulrich said. Even the name of their booklet on Bolingbrook, "Bolingbrook (does too have a) History," seems to bear out the fact that the society is on the defensive.

The historical society has its eye on the future as well as the past. Along with researching the names found in the cemetery, members are gathering documents about early Bolingbrook to aid tomorrow's historians.

**ULRICH SAID** the society would also like to acquire an old farmhouse, built in the 1850s, adjacent to the cemetery to rejuvenate as a museum. The site, now owned by a local developer, would provide room to keep the



many historical articles being sought by the society. Both sides are still negotiating for the building and land.

With nearly all of the land in Bolingbrook already sold or optioned to sell, many farmers are leaving, taking their memories of the village's history with them. "A lot of the farmers are retiring and moving to Florida," Ulrich said.

The historical society is seeking those farmers to give insight into the area history and possibly donate papers and historical items to the future museum.

Along with field work, society members are also reaching out to village's children through the grade schools to educate them about the area's history.

"We're small so we haven't been able to do a whole lot yet," she said. "Those of us who belong to the society just want to preserve history as it's made now."

## Memorial Day at Boardman Cemetary

Memorial Day services will be held for the first time in Bolingbrook in Boardman Cemetary, Royce Road, two miles east of Naperville Road on Monday, May 30th at 1 p.m.

Since Memorial Day observance dates back to the time just after the Civil War, Bolingbrook Historical Society will join the American Legion

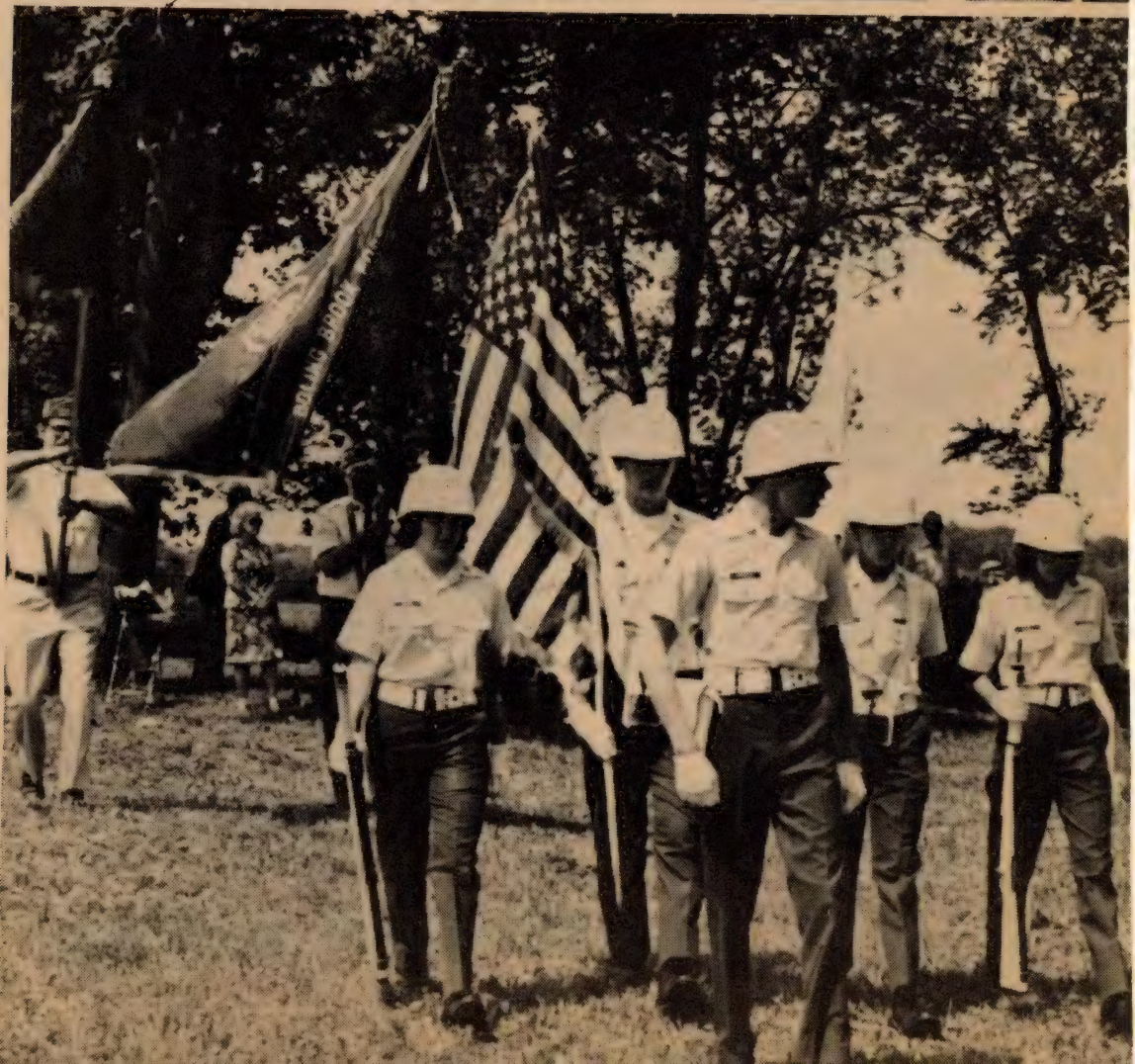
and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to specifically honor Andrew Ingles, who was killed at Galatin, Tennessee in 1863, as well as all those who have fallen in the service of their country. The public is invited to attend the service and to remain for free refreshments and guided tours of the cemetery courtesy of the Historical Society.

For the past two years, members of the Bolingbrook Historical Society have worked to restore the old cemetery. For further information call Lynda Ulrich (759-5051) or Virgil Banker (739-2696). □

## Memorial Day ceremony at Borden Cemetary

Romeoville High School Troop 23 assisted by directing traffic at the cemetery. "Taps" to conclude the Members of the Bolingbrook Memorial Day ceremony. High School Air Force ROTC Other Boy Scouts from also paid their respects.

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Clarendon Hills police are hoping someone will come forward and say in which cemetery these 19th Century tombstones belong.

## Vandals uproot 2 tributes to love

By Sharyn Kane

**IT'S AN EERIE**, sad story that shrouds two mysterious gravemarkers for children who died more than 100 years ago.

The stones — small, weathered tablets — are in the Clarendon Hills Police Station, taken there Aug. 8 after a resident found the markers on his lawn.

There followed a spate of telephone calls by police dispatcher Sue Williams and others to cemeteries in Du Page County to learn where the markers were stolen. But the responses from caretakers weren't helpful.

**POLICE HOPE** a public appeal might reach someone who will recognize the markers so they can be returned to proclaim where Martha and Robert Brown are buried.

Before vandals uprooted the tombstones, they must have stood since 1861 and 1862, placed there by parents George

and Hester Brown, who lost first their daughter on March 6, 1861, and then their son almost exactly a year later, March 5, 1862.

Martha was 2 years, 3 months, and 12 days old. Her parents chose this for her epitaph: "Two bright, blissful years with a soul undefiled through this desert of tears walked our innocent child."

**ROBERT WAS** 16 years and 6 months old when he died. His passage was remembered with: "Fond hope of earthly bliss how vain."

Cemetery officials have combed their records to find mention of the Browns, without success. Williams said she doesn't know what will be done with the tombstones if they aren't traced.

Descendants of George and Hester Brown may be nonexistent or living far from Clarendon Hills. The result of the cruel prank may be that the graves of the brother and sister will remain unmarked.

# Tombstones found abandoned

By Bonnie Gross

The Clarendon Hills police department has a grave problem.

Two tombstones dating from the 1860s were found in a resident's front yard Aug. 8 and the police don't know where they came from.

"We've called all the local cemeteries," said Sue Williams of the department's communications division. "It's very, very strange."

The stones marked the graves of two children of George and Hester Brown, Williams said.

One is for Martha Brown, who died March 6, 1861, at the

age of "2 years, 3 months and 12 days," according to the marker. The other stone is for Robert Brown, who died March 5, 1862, at the age of 16.

The weathered stones are about 1-by-2-feet, Williams said.

"We thought maybe some descendant would recognize the names," Williams said. "Brown is a pretty common name but Hester is unusual."

If the stones go unclaimed, Williams said she doesn't know what the department will do with them.

"Normally, unclaimed items are sold at an auction," Williams said. "I don't know if we'll do that with these." ■

## Here lies . . . a tale Happy epilog for 2 epitaphs

By Sharyn Kane

**MARTHA AND** Robert Brown's graves won't go through eternity unmarked after all.

Tombstones from the children's graves, dug in 1861 and 1862, were uprooted and found Aug. 8 in Clarendon Hills. Police tried to trace their origin through cemetery records in nearby communities, but to no avail.

Last week, police dispatcher Sue Williams contacted Suburban Trib for help in notifying the public about the grave markers in hopes someone would recognize them.

**AS SOON AS** she turned the newspaper's page and saw photographs of the markers, Judith Bredeweg of Bolingbrook recognized them.

"It was a funny feeling," said Bredeweg, founder of the Bolingbrook Historical Society. And it wasn't the first time the tombstones were lost.

Martha, who died at 2 years, and Robert, who died almost a year to the day later at age 16, were buried among the early settlers of the farmland that once filled the area where Bolingbrook now stands, according to Bredeweg.

**THEY WERE** buried in Boardman Cemetery on a small, grassy hill off Royce Road in Bolingbrook before there was a Bolingbrook. Martha's passing was remembered with the inscription: "Two bright, blissful years with a soul undefiled through this desert of tears walked our innocent child." Her brother's

epitaph is "Fond hope of earthly bliss how vain."

Grass and earth gradually amassed over the children's graves and the others in Boardmen Cemetery until eventually there was little sign that a graveyard existed.

Not until the 1960s when a girl walking through a cornfield stumbled onto the cemetery was there renewed interest in the plots.

**THE FLEDGLING** historical society adopted restoration of the graves as Bicentennial project in 1975 and spent months scraping away six inches of dirt that covered 90 tombstones, among them the markers for Robert and Martha Brown.

In August of this year, vandals stormed through the graveyard, knocking over six tombstones and stealing the Browns' markers.

"I was really sad to see them gone, especially the one for Martha. The inscription was so loving. People back then sentimentalized death so," Bredeweg said.

**SHE HOPED** the markers would turn up somewhere but wasn't terribly optimistic, especially when she heard gravemarkers as coffee tables are a mounting fad, she said.

Bredeweg and another historical society member plan to retrieve the markers and mount them in cement over the graves.

She said she doesn't know anything about the children beyond the information on the tombstones, which list George and Hester Brown as the parents. However, they aren't buried in the cemetery, nor are any other Browns. All records for the cemetery have been lost.

June 1, 1978

## Services recall village history

Memorial services were held Monday by the Bolingbrook Historical Society, the VFW, and the American Legion posts at one of the area historic cemeteries. The setting was the Hill Crest Cemetery on East Boughton, which dates back to the 1830s.

Unlike the Boardman Cemetery maintained by DuPage Township, Hill Crest is privately-owned and still active.

Local history buffs continue their efforts to remind the transient Bolingbrook population that history here didn't begin 12 years ago when the village was incorporated. James Bingle, author of "Bolingbrook Does Too Have a History," along with the historical society, recently proposed to the village government the preservation of an early name for this area. They suggested that the new road to be constructed around the present village hall site be named Barbers Corners Road, after an early name of the intersection of what is now Boughton Road and Ill. Rt. 53.

It has only been the last few years that "Barbers Corners" has been replaced on road maps by the name "Bolingbrook." (The Barbers were an early farm family who owned land near the corner, which was one of the sites for the first U.S. Post Office in DuPage Township).

Why wasn't the village named Barbers Corners? Because Dover Construction Company which built Colonial Village and Westbury used the name Bolingbrook on the official plat maps. Where Dover got the name no one knows, says Bingle. He indicates that a better name for the new village might



have been DuPage. He also said that he would like to see a list of historical names of the area be

submitted to the village to be used by developers when naming new streets.



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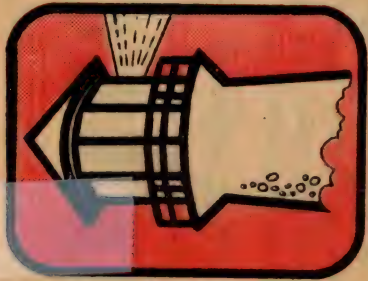
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## In memoriam



Colors of the Special Recreation Explorer Post were among those displayed at this Monday's Memorial Service at the Boardman Cemetary. About 60 area residents gathered to honor war dead in an annual ceremony sponsored by the Historical Society and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.





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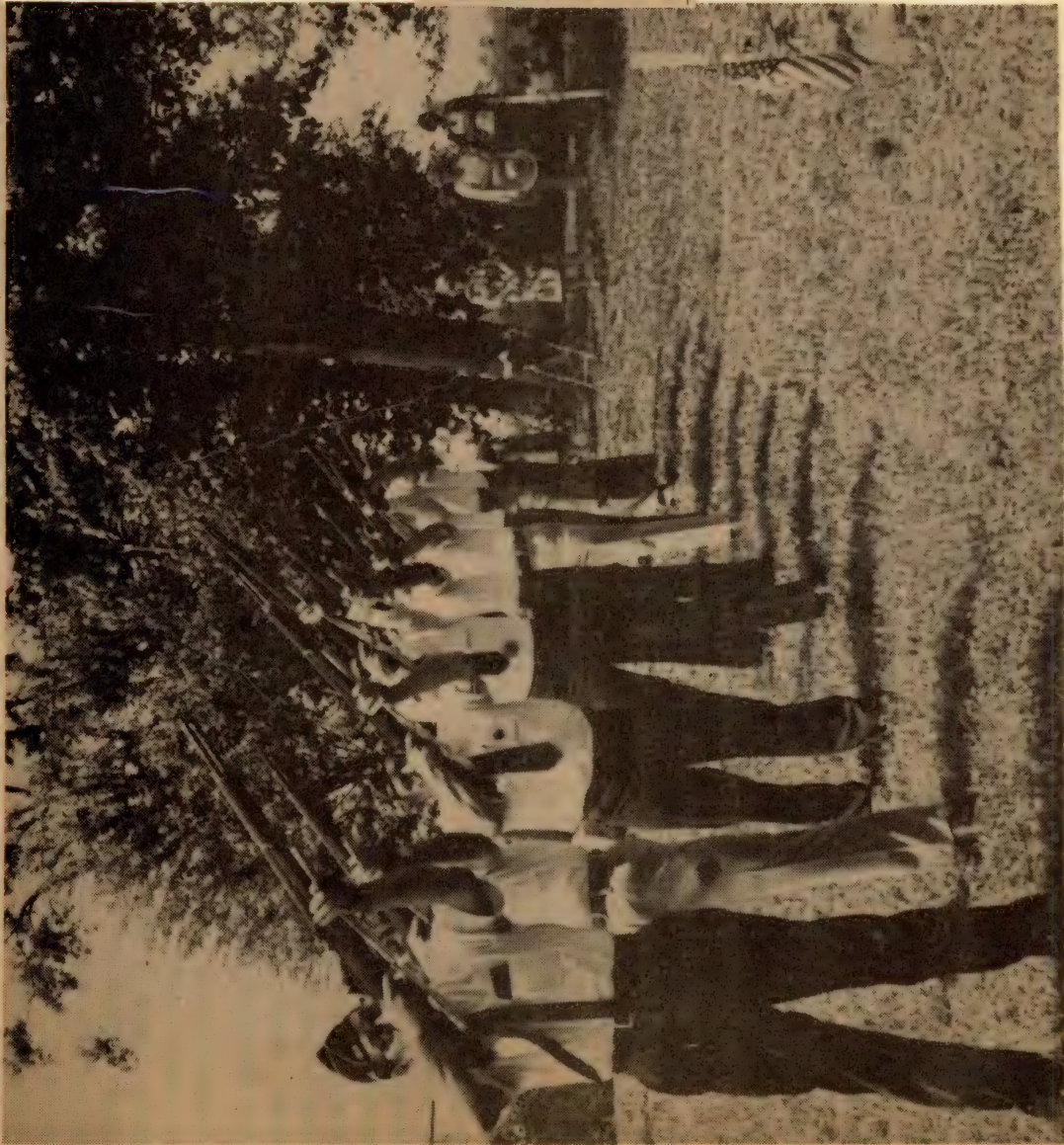
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**EARLY SETTLERS** and Civil War veterans rest in the Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook.



# Historic Boardman

by Valerie Vondrak

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**A headstone for one of the Royce graves lies broken following a vandal attack at the Boardman Cemetery last week.**

(Photos by Paul Burd)

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"I will certainly make an attempt to get some repair done," Bingle said. "It's to the point where heavy equipment will be needed to replace some of the stones. We will probably have to make it more difficult for people to gain access to the cemetery. I feel a concerted effort should be made to find whoever has done this."

In another incident involving vandals in that same area, Naperville's Fire and Arson Investigation Team is investigating a fire in a barn owned by the City of Naperville, located on Royce road, just east of Naperville road.

The fire, which started shortly after midnight on

Sunday, caused an estimated \$200 damage.

According to initial fire and police reports, a resident whose home borders the barn, reported the fire, which is believed to have been started by vandals who set some straw on fire.

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Although not usually fatal, secondary infections resulting in highly contagious, often sweeping through a neighborhood like a brush fire. The incubation period ranges from six to ten days. Pneumonitis is a disease which resembles common head cold in human beings.

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January 5, 1984

Dear Mrs Bingle,  
Thank you so much for making it possible for our junior girl scout Troop 525 to make tombstone rubbings at the Bordman Cemetery on December 10th. We also enjoyed having the list of burials and the map of the cemetery. Despite some difficulty opening the gate, we had a good time; and you made it possible.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Rubenacker  
Leader

THE MET  
October 8, 1987



Historic Boardman Cemetery

## *Scout restoring cemetery*

by Robert Legan

DuPage township assessor James Bingle has high praise for the Boardman Cemetery restoration efforts of Naperville Eagle Scout candidate Tafe Hemler. Bingle explained Hemler's project at the DuPage township Sept. 28 meeting.

The township owns the pioneer cemetery, which is just off Royce Road.

Time and vandals had taken their toll on the 150-year-old cemetery that links Bolingbrook to its past.

Bingle had led the way to basic maintenance of the cemetery.

Restoration work at the cemetery include repairing broken headstones,

weed pulling, mowing, leveling toppled headstones, and dealing with poison ivy.

Hemler spent a total of 10 hours planning the project. He was assisted by fellow scouts Chris Sims, Clay Sims, Chad Strittmater, Joey D'Ereela, Scott Schmidt and Ryan Moore.

The scouts spent more than 80 hours working on the cemetery grounds, with added help from Bingle and the scoutmaster. Hemler spent more than 20 hours on the restoration by himself, Bingle said.

"Tafe felt a real sense of pride in the completion of this project," Bingle said. The restoration project was completed between July 24 and Aug. 9 of this year.

Tombstones at Boardman begin with the headstone of Elizabeth Cleveland, who dies in 1832. The most recent burial in Boardman Cemetery was that of Eliza Royce in 1927.

Bingle said the scout will be awarded the Eagle Scout award at a court of honor in the near future.

Boardman Cemetery was the final resting place for many of the pioneer families that originally settled in this areas as easterners began claiming farmland out west in what became Illinois.



*Naperville Troop 107 Boy Scout Tafe Hemler cleans a tombstone in the Boardman cemetery off Royce road as part of his Eagle Scout project.*

## Naper Boy Scout renews cemetery for Eagle project

by Julie Roys

Braving poison ivy, waist-high weeds and rumored spooks, Naperville Troop 107 Boy Scout Tafe Hemler and his comrades renovated the Boardman Cemetery off Royce road this summer.

But before any vines were hacked or tombstones repaired, 13-year-old Tafe spent 10 hours planning the undertaking — his Eagle Scout project.

Tafe first called James Bingle, DuPage Township assessor and voluntary custodian of the cemetery, and received the go-ahead for the renovation. Once this was accomplished, Tafe obtained the necessary approvals from Dave Duenkel, Troop 107 assistant scoutmaster.

Designing the project was probably the most challenging task, Tafe said.

"I wrote out my plan, discussed it with various people and called people to work on the project," said Tafe. "Getting people to work was the hardest part. Once we got people to work, it was actu-

Tafe's father, Frank Hemler, explained that the planning stage of an Eagle Scout project is considered most important by Boy Scout leaders.

"It shows the scout's ability to organize the task and get it done," he said.

Still, even after the completion of the plan, a huge job lay before the coordinated group of six scouts, Bingle, Duenkel and Tafe's parents, Frank and Dawn Hemler.

"When I first saw the cemetery," Tafe said, "the weeds were about four feet high, poison ivy had taken over most of the fence and a lot of stones needed repairing. It looked like a real big job."

The team first began mowing, trimming and mending on July 24. Tafe said the group would work weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 or 4 p.m., with a half-hour lunch break in between.

Sometimes the group would take rest breaks, but when they did so it was on Tafe's initiative; he directed the whole of the project.

The project was not completed without its share of hardships. Tafe said his arms were covered with a reaction to the poison ivy.

He added, "Holding up the Weed Eater for about five hours, my arms got a little tired."

The Weed Eater was not the only thing Tafe had to hold up. Because some of the stones had sunk unevenly into the ground, Tafe and his co-workers had to dig beneath the stones, raise them with a lever and in pack a pile of rocks.

Also, some tombstones were cracked and needed repairing. To fix the stones, Tafe would mix black and white epoxy and apply it to both edges of the crack, creating a hard bond in a couple of days.

The total project, which was finished Aug. 9, required approximately 105 working hours.

Some of those who benefit from the project are the friends and relatives of those buried in the cemetery. His-

torical societies will also enjoy touring the renovated site because the graveyard dates back to 1832 and contains some Civil War veterans' graves.

Sunday, Tafe met with the Boy Scout Board of Review, which voted to award him the Eagle Scout Award. It is the culmination of three years of work during which Tafe earned 21 merit badges and six badges of rank.

"I learned a great deal doing this Eagle Project," said Tafe. "One of the things I learned is why people always say that the project is the hardest part of attaining the Eagle badge.

"I agree with them. I learned leadership ways that will help me all through life. I certainly learned to respect the desires of other people.

"When I look at the cemetery now, I feel a sense of pride and satisfaction in the finished project. Those who helped me and I can see it was a worthwhile project for our community."

## OLD CEMETERY



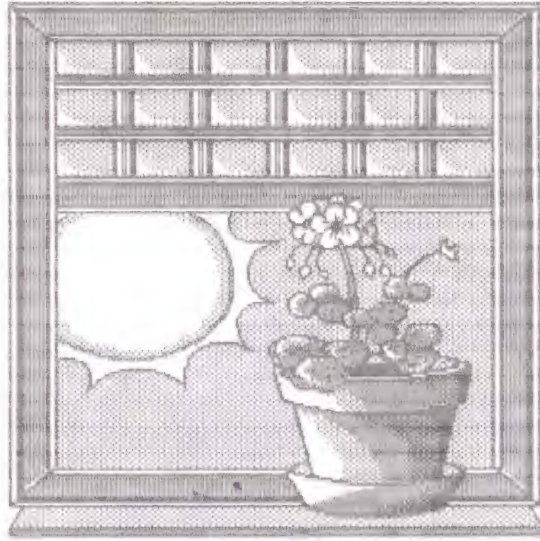
STEVE SUMNER/HERALD-NEWS

Harry Boardman set aside a couple of acres of his land as a community cemetery in 1832. Within three years, two of his small children would lie there. He

was buried there in 1877 at age 83. Over the years since, it was vandalized, but in 1972 it was renovated.



Just a little note



to say...

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Troop 127 would  
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Thanks from all  
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# Ruth A. Cordin

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November 2, 1994

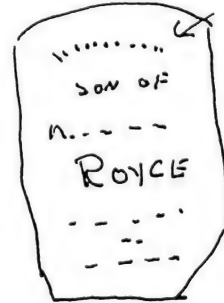
Mr. R.W. Koch  
Naperville Cemetery Association  
705 S. Washington St.,  
Naperville, Illinois 60540

Dear Mr. Koch:

In reference to the child's headstone that I discussed with you while I was in Hinsdale, Il., I have located the headstone and have been able, for the most part, to make out the inscription.

The top line has worn away so that I cannot read it, but the rest of the inscription seems fairly legible. It reads:

CHAUNCEY II  
son of  
A I L & M L  
R O Y C E  
Oct. 24, 1860  
aged  
11 mos. 9 days



unreadable  
Corner  
broken  
n

I will feel much better if this is put in the proper place. I am sure you can find records of the cemetery. I understand that it has been restored and made into a park. I would appreciate hearing from you. I think the cemetery was on the far east side of Naperville south of Hobson road. I am sorry I can't tell you anything further about it.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth A. Cordin

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Work's inventory for Naperville Cemetery

MLC

to Larry & Susie Meal. Rt. 2 Box 365 Willow Springs Mo. 65793 11/13/94

11/13/94

Susie Meal:

By way of introducing myself, I'm connected with the Naperville Cemetery and I have something to tell you that may prove of interest to you; at least I hope so and that you can help me. Briefly, I had a conversation with a women from Florida a couple of weeks ago and she told me that she was in possession of an old tombstone from the Royce cemetery out on Royce road. She had, she told me acquired the stone 15 or so years ago in a garage sale out on Hobson Rd. Now she'd like to see it returned to the cemetery. She subsequently sent me a sketch of the stone and my research leads me to believe it may be part of your family. This is what it supposedly looks like.

*Handwritten illegible text*

CHAUNCEY II  
son of  
AIL & ML  
ROYCE  
OCT. 24, 1860  
aged  
11 mos. 9 days

ILLEGIBLE

The Royce family was here at the time of Joe Naper and I understand you are a descendant. How I learned of you, your Mother was a member of the Eastern Star and I learned of you through Bill and Virginia Webb. Can you help us in any way or would you know of someone up here that could help us. It's so much a part of the town's history that I'd like to see it returned to the cemetery if it still exists. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

R.W. Koch

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## Naperville Cemetery

705 South Washington St.  
NAPERVILLE, ILL. 60540

12/2/94

Dear Jim:

Thank you for taking Don Zaininger and I out to the Boardman cemetery this afternoon. We both learned a lot about our community. I'll get in touch with Florida before the weeks over.

Thought you might be interested in the cemetery records we have about the Royce's. If they help you, keep them, if not you can destroy them. Thanks again.



Bob Koch

# Memorial Day OPEN HOUSE



## Historic Boardman Cemetery

**Monday, May 29, 1995**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Please join the Bolingbrook VFW  
Post for the raising of the flag and salute  
to the one known Civil War Veteran  
at 9:00 a.m.

*The Boardman Cemetery is located on Paxson Drive off of  
Royce Road on Bolingbrook's northside*

## Civil War soldier to be honored in cemetery tribute

■ **Bolingbrook:** This year's Memorial Day open house at Boardman Cemetery will feature a tribute to a local man buried there after he was killed in the Civil War.

The Bolingbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars will raise the flag and offer a salute to Andrew Ingals, a 21-year-old soldier killed at Vicksburg, Miss.

Memorial Day is one of two days during the year that the Boardman Cemetery is opened to the public for tours by the Historic Preservation Commission. Commission volunteers also organize an open house every Halloween. During the rest of the year, group tours of the inactive cemetery can be scheduled by special request.

Monday's open house will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"People say Bolingbrook doesn't have a history; Bolingbrook does too have a history," said Peggy

Drey, chairwoman of the commission. The oldest of the 95 graves in Boardman dates to 1832, she said.

Boardman Cemetery, on Paxton Drive near Royce Road, has been inactive since 1929 and was all but forgotten in the decades following. Since its rediscovery in 1972, it was acquired by DuPage Township and restored with the help of the village and commission volunteers.

As part of its effort to make sure the cemetery is recognized for its historical significance, the commission this Memorial Day will place a new sign at the site. The sign was made and donated by commission member Bill Davidek along with his brother, Jerry Davidek, and resident Bill Kloog.

"There was never any large, attractive sign there before," Drey said. "This is a very nice, handcrafted wooden sign."

*Shirley Siluk Gregory*

TOWN OF DUPAGE

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January 9, 1995

Ruth A. Cordin  
7714 Ahoy Ave.  
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Dear Mrs. Cordin:

I am the caretaker of the Boardman Cemetery located off of Royce road just southeast of Naperville in Bolingbrook, Illinois. You were recently very kind to send to us the tombstone of Chauncey Royce, an 11 month old baby who died in 1880 (not 1860). We understand that you acquired the stone some 15 years ago at a garage sale on Hobson road.

Needless to say, we were most happy to have this stone returned. Although there are no written records of the cemetery (now strictly a historic site), two earlier surveys of the burials (in the 1940s and in the early 1970s) both listed this particular stone, including the phrase "Our Little Darling" that you were unable to make out. But for the past 15 years or so, although we listed it on our inventory of grave sites, we were unable to locate the stone. Now we know why.

Thank you so very much for helping to make Boardman Cemetery whole again. I'm sorry that we were unable to schedule a visit to Boardman Cemetery for you during your recent visit to the Naperville area. Please let us know the next time you visit, and we will be sure to give you a guided tour. In any case, I am enclosing copies of two news articles concerning your recent generous gesture in returning the stone.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

James D. Bingle  
DuPage Township Assessor

# Boardman Cemetery open during Halloween night

Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook will be open Halloween night from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. The cemetery is open to the general public only twice a year: Memorial Day and Halloween.

"Quite the opposite of scaring or titillating people by showing them where the oldest bones are buried, we open the cemetery on Halloween to take them back to an earlier time. We talk about the lives of our early pioneers who are laid to rest in the cemetery," said Peggy Drey, who chairs the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission.

Commissioners, carrying gaslit lanterns, show visitors around the small cemetery, explaining how Capt. Harry Boardman donated the plot for the first burial ground in 1832 for the original settlers.

The cemetery, which was active from the 1830s to 1930s, is now preserved solely as a historic site.

"We're also protecting the cemetery with our annual Boardman Watch," Drey said. The old cemetery, which was all but abandoned and forgotten in the middle of empty fields for 40 years, has been the subject of a urban myth that brought unwelcome visitors, especially around Halloween.

High schoolers from Naperville and Bolingbrook passed around the story, which is not true, that Boardman was supposedly mentioned in a national tabloid as one of the most haunted cemeteries in the country.

"Teens who still show up on Halloween because they've heard that myth may be disappointed to find that it isn't haunted, but since we started the tours they end up actually enjoying some of the history we make them listen to as we show them around," said Drey.

Boardman Cemetery is now surrounded by houses on Bolingbrook's far north side. The neighbors also take great pride

and interest in the cemetery and help guard it.

To reach the historic burial ground, take Route 53 to Royce Road, go about a mile west of

Route 53 to the Heritage Creek subdivision, and turn onto Paxson Drive. The cemetery is located across from Heritage Creek Park.

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## Cemetery opened for a good scare, history lesson

Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook will be open 7-10 p.m. Oct. 31 for more than just a good scare.

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# Cemetery only open on Memorial Day

## Burial site now stands as a mark of local heritage

By Charlotte D. Alexander

Once a children's ghostly playground lost in a rough thicket of trees, bushes and tall grasses, the Boardman Cemetery now stands as a restored historical landmark only opened to the public once a year, on Memorial Day.

Home to a Civil War veteran and a mark of local heritage explored by interested historians, this seemingly forgotten resting place often piques the intrigue of neighbors who pass the gated graveyard. And many of its neighbors came out on Monday to wander around the old cemetery, read the broken stones and discover just who the Royce family was, along with the Strongs, Ingalls, Freemans, Wescotts and Paxsons.

The Boardman Cemetery, with its papered deed long lost in county files and records and the land itself visually hidden off what was once a farmer's road, is now surrounded by solid family homes in the fairly recent residential area of Heritage Creek. The street names in this quiet subdivision identify those buried in the ground here. The Boardman name itself reflects an early family in this area and the short-lived lives of two Boardman children who died within a year after Capt. Harry Boardman designated the land as

a local burial ground in 1832.

Naval reservist and local resident Dennis Graff brought his two children, Stephen and Kristen, to the cemetery on Monday all the while staring at the stones in amazement and repeating his enthusiasm for the opened gates. "This is interesting. This is just so interesting," he said.

"We just moved in," said Graff, who is also a member of the American Legion. "I live on Boardman. I didn't know it was a person buried in this cemetery."

He listened to his tour guide and told his children, "you can still read some of these stones, and it was made over 160 years ago."

"It's Memorial Day, and with the idea of honoring the veterans, I brought my children over as an educational thing," Graff said. "We always see the locked gate and we always wanted to come in. It intrigued us. So this is appropriate for Memorial Day, to come in here and learn about the people who first settled here. It was a wonderful opportunity, to learn about this."

James Bingle, of the Bolingbrook Historical Preservation Commission, said though special tours are sometimes granted, the cemetery is open to the public only on Memorial Day as residents gather to remember the dead.

And this cemetery, where the first white person, other than an Indian, from Will County is buried, is the final resting place for a few early pioneers who fought in the local Black Hawk War. That community war — stretching through the yet unwritten local borderline counties of DuPage, Cook and Will — began as an Indian battle, spirited by an early introduction of the pioneers in this area appearing to invade the open lands of the vastly Indian covered territory.

On Monday morning, several veterans of more recent wars held a small ceremony over the grave of Andrew E. Ingalls, whose name is spelled differently on his tombstone than his other family members. Placing a wreath over the dead soldier's grave, the local veterans respectfully honored this fallen soldier quietly. Bingle said it is this Civil War veteran, Ingalls, who appears to be the most popular at the cemetery as visitors swoon to read the marker and admire the plot of the early patriot.

Bingle said some of the descendants of the people who were buried at Boardman's probably knew about the existence of the cemetery in years past, but many of them have moved away or passed on. Until 1972, the graveyard was a lost and forgotten

place to the majority of the public, but a solemn place of peace for local children and farmers.

Lois Michel, now a reporter with The SUN, is credited with the historical find of the cemetery, according to Bingle.

Michel, who lived in the area as a child, said she used to play there often and children would gather at the cemetery on Halloween nights to create a "creepy feeling" under the stars.

"Nobody seemed to care about it," Michel said of Boardman Cemetery. "It was an overgrown mess, and with the pioneers we just thought it was interesting. Local farmers knew it was there, but because nobody was being buried there at the time, it was somehow forgotten about."

Michel said she was in junior high school when she first approached Bingle, a local historical buff and DuPage Township assessor, about the old gravestones and burial ground. It wasn't until she was 16 that Bingle finally found records of the cemetery and uncovered an original deed in searching for ownership of the grounds and the 89 marked graves here.

The abandoned cemetery was deeded to Will County in 1846. Because the one-acre area was in

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# Cemetery

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dire need of repair after the acknowledged re-discovery of the cemetery, DuPage Township then acquired the deed in 1972 and agreed to work with the Will County Historical Society to preserve the grounds.

"We knew about it for a long

time," Michel said. "I wouldn't say I discovered it. I just started making noise about it because I was interested in local history and I was just curious. I would ask Jim Bingle about who owned it and why it was such a mess. I thought cemeteries should be kept up."

Her questions set Bingle on a search for answers. And now the story of the cemetery and those buried in it can be shared with others.

There's lots of stories about the families who are buried there, Michel said, and she's happy that more people can now appreciate the place where she once played, the place where early pioneers of what is now Bolingbrook have been laid to rest.

"I feel fortunate to have grown up around here with acres of trees and fields," Michel said. "With homes there now, it's nice because there was some problems with vandalism at Boardman's and now people can keep a closer eye on it."

"It's also good to be able to share this with many more people now that it's been restored."

Bingle said this cemetery is important because it is part of the pioneering heritage in this area and these people should not be forgotten again.

"We've been opening this on Memorial Day for almost 15 or 20 years," Bingle said.

And because the weather was rainy on Monday, Bingle said he was surprised by the number of people coming into the cemetery to learn of others who came here long before them.

"I don't mind giving the tours," he said. "These people came here and settled here. We probably had 50 or more people stop in today. Many of them live in this area and they were curious. They pass by here all the time and look through the gate. I'm sure many of them aren't even aware that their street names are named for the people here. It's sort of kept quiet, but there's a lot of history here. It's a real interesting place."



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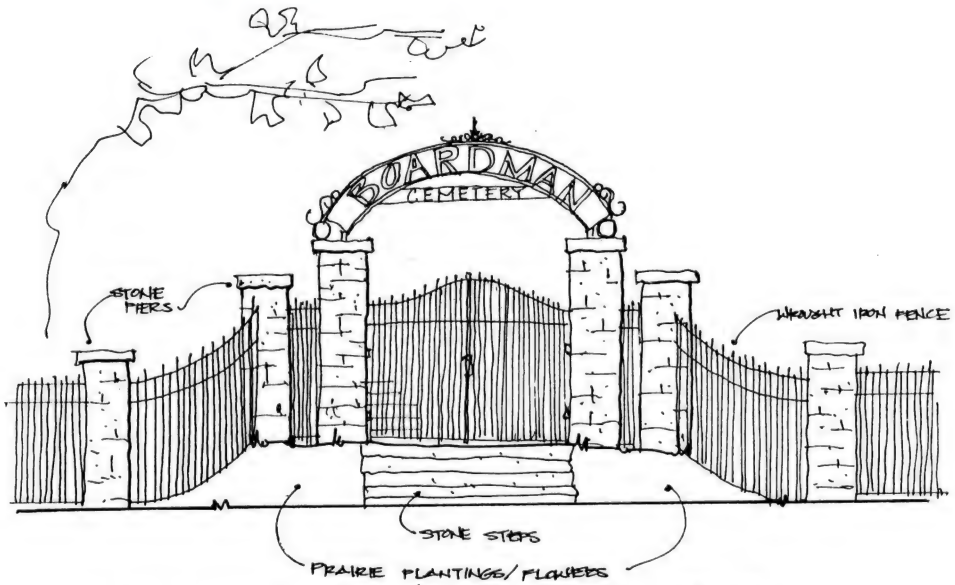
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# Group aims to restore historical cemetery

## ■ Bolingbrook's past: Fund-raising to support work at Boardman Cemetery

By Jessica Royer  
COPLEY NEWSPAPERS

**BOLINGBROOK** — Originally, Boardman Cemetery's fence was made of cornstalks.

"You can just imagine this surrounded by corn with two dirt tracks heading out to the road," said Judy Bredeweg, a member of Bolingbrook's Historic Preservation Commission as she surveys the quiet cemetery, which has been here since 1832.

These days, Boardman Cemetery is surrounded by Heritage Creek subdivision and a cyclone (chain-link) fence. It has the look of a shady backyard, just without the house.

"The cyclone fence doesn't really fit in," Bredeweg said. Topped with barbed wire and draped with greenery, the fence looks rather severe for its surroundings. A bright red slide on the playground across the street peeks through the tombstones in one direction, and well-kept suburban homes cozy up on the other sides. But despite appearances, the cemetery caretakers know the fence is necessary.

"I had to bail two of the stones out of the Clarendon Hills Police Department," Bredeweg said. The commission keeps pictures of the 95 headstones on file for ready identification if they're stolen.

"This has been called the most haunted cemetery in the northern area," Bredeweg said. "Kids come from St. Charles to see it. We used to guard it and call the cops, but then, we decided to open it up."

Last Halloween, the commission brought about 400 people on a tour through the cemetery. They also open Boardman on Memorial Day, as well as by appointment.



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**Robert Schanks, DuPage Township supervisor, is a caretaker of the historical Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook. Here, he pieces back together a tombstone from the cemetery, which is in need of restoration and a new fence. A fund-raising campaign will be launched with a golf outing Sept. 17.**

"Almost every time it's open, someone walks in with questions," said Robert Schanks, DuPage Township supervisor and one of the cemetery's caretakers. "That's what it's all about."

The commission has done its homework, too. Members are more than ready to answer the questions visitors might have.

"The Bolingbrook Historical Society (now the Preservation Commission) made it their Bicentennial project to restore the cemetery," said Bredeweg, who was president of the newly formed Historical Society in 1976, as well as Bicentennial chairwoman for Bolingbrook.

The group catalogued the graves, the last of which went in around 1927; raised and restored grave markers, many of which had fallen over and been buried under inches of soil; and began giving tours.

### Former assessor's role

A big participant in these efforts was

then-township Assessor Jim Bengal, who retired from his post late last year.

"He was our assessor for 28 years, and this became his pet project," said township Secretary Joan Heiberger. "The cemetery is in pretty good shape now, but the fence is in bad shape."

After Bengal retired, \$1,800 was left over from money collected for his retirement dinner. He donated this money to begin a cemetery restoration project, and the Boardman Cemetery Committee was formed.

"The committee is made up of members of the township and of the Bolingbrook Preservation Commission," said Cathy Bouley, committee member and president of the preservation commission. "The township oversees the cemetery's land, and the preservation commission watches over the stones and puts on programs."

The committee has 16 members, but Bouley hopes that more will join as fund-raising efforts get under way.

"A cemetery should be a memorial for people," said Schanks, a committee member. "I'm a firm believer in that. We're going to take down this cyclone fence and put in something nice."

Specifically, the committee plans to replace the current fence and entrance gate with a wrought-iron fence, stone pillars and a plaza with seating.

"In effect, a rural cemetery will change to a turn-of-the-century urban cemetery setting," according to a letter announcing the project's first fund-raising event.

### Paying for project

About \$50,000 will be needed to build the fence and plaza, complete with benches and access for the disabled. The committee hopes to have most of the money in hand before beginning the project.

"We're trying to have some fun with this (fund-raising)," Bredeweg said. "We're kicking things off with the RIP golf outing, and we're also selling bricks. Actually, we're selling just about everything that can be sold."

The golf outing will be Sept. 17, but the committee also is planning events such as a fish fry during the Lenten season.

Also, for various amounts donated, contributors can have their names placed on a plaque at the DuPage Township office, a plaque at Boardman Cemetery, on the cemetery's decorative plaza bricks, or on a pillar, bench, ornamental marble piece or lighting fixture.

The committee is eager to get going on the project, and at least some members see this effort as just the beginning of what they'd like to accomplish.

"If I'm still around, I'd like to see (Boardman Cemetery) resodded and have the graves fixed neatly," Schanks said. "There's also Alexander Cemetery in Romeoville. That could be our next project."

For more information about the Boardman Cemetery project, contact Cathy Bouley at (630) 759-1058.



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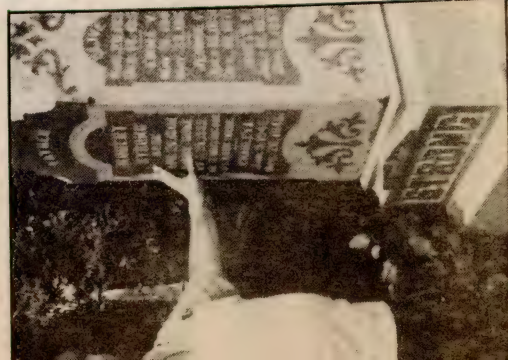
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## Bolingbrook cemetery

By Dan Carney

Every Halloween, a group of people congregate around the old Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook. They are not there to tell ghost stories or to spot an apparition. They are there to dispel any macabre tales that anyone might have heard about the place.

Apparently, word has gotten around that the cemetery, which dates back to the 1830s, is listed in Time-Life Books' "Mystic Places" as being extremely haunted. "The rumor that is going through the schools is that this is a very spooky place," said DuPage Township Assessor Jim Bingle, who was in-

strumental in rejuvenating the cemetery back in the 1970s. "I've looked through the book and I haven't been able to find it." But the rumor is strong enough to bring Halloween thrill seekers from as far away as the northwest suburbs, and Bingle, as well as Bolingbrook Village Clerk Carol Penning and Bolingbrook resident Judy Bredeweg, camp out there every Oct. 31 to tell potential ghost hunters to look elsewhere.

On one dark Halloween night, however, even the protectors of the cemetery had to wonder if there was some truth to the hearsay. Penning said she and a group of six or seven residents were scared out of their wits when a neighborhood resident showed up in the graveyard wearing a raincoat, and in the darkness, he looked like, well, a ghost.

"The only thing that saved me was something in the back of my mind told me that ghosts don't wear glasses," Penning said.

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Located in the Bolingbrook subdivision of Heritage Creek off Royce Road, the Boardman Cemetery was once part of an

### Prominent people buried in Boardman

In 1975, the Bolingbrook Historical Society was formed and one of their first tasks, besides helping with the Boardman Cemetery refurbishment, was to work up character histories of the names that came out of the cemetery.

A year later, they received a lot of help when an 1878 book entitled "The History of Will County" was reprinted and many of those names were detailed in mini-biographies.

Some of the more prominent people who are buried there include:

- Civil War veteran Andrew E. Ingals, who died in battle at the age of 21 in Gallatin, Tenn. on Feb. 15, 1863.
- Jonathon and Polly Royce (d. 1863 and 1875, respectively), who at one time owned close to 4,000 acres of land. It is said that 80 carriages attended Polly's funeral. Several members of the Royce family are buried in the Boardman Cemetery. In fact, nine of the last 12 people buried there were Royces.
- Seth Wescott (d. Feb. 26, 1874), who lived with his wife Mary Jane on 320 acres on the south side of the DuPage River. They parented seven children. He was a mounted volunteer in the Black Hawk War. In 1855, he donated some of his land for what became known as Barber's Corner School.
- Harry Boardman, who died at the age of 83 on May 30, 1877, arrived in the area from New York in 1831. He received the title of captain presumably when he was put in command of a volunteer company that organized to protect the settlements in the Black Hawk War of 1832. It is said that he bought the first McCormick reaper in the area. He donated part of his farm for the cemetery, and by 1835, he had already buried two of his own children there — 1-year-old Clarke and 2½-year-old daughter, H.L.



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Karen Dalton, editor, 971-7856

# ry is a mystic place

9-acre farm belonging to Captain Harry Boardman, one of the earliest settlers south of Will County. Between 1832 and 1927, more than eighty people, including such prominent names as Royce, Barber and Freeman, were buried there.

But sometime over the 40 years that followed, the cemetery was forgotten and became a weed thicket in the middle of a cornfield.

That is until 1967, when 11-year-old Lois Michel was walking her dog in the area and literally stumbled upon the graveyard in a grove of trees.

Michel asked several neighbors if they knew anything about it, but she received little information. She then turned to Bingle, who she knew was the area's local historian.

But it wasn't until 1971, when Bingle was elected DuPage township assessor, that he located an 1846 deed that had returned the land over to Will County.

"They didn't even know they owned it," Bingle said.

After Bingle convinced county officials that the cemetery was an important slice of local history, Will County Board chairman Roy Hassert deeded

the property back to the township on April 28, 1972, so it could receive the care it needed.

The next job was identifying all the people who were buried there, which was not easy considering many of the gravestones were weather-beaten, and in many cases, broken in several pieces. By sprinkling salt over the older stones and shining a flashlight at a certain angle, many of the names, dates and inscriptions were deciphered.

Several of the graveyard's inhabitants, it turned out were young children who could not survive the rugged pioneer lifestyle. Many others were young women who died during childbirth.

The barbed wire fence that was overgrown with thicket was replaced with a wire fence, and local history buffs and even two future Eagle Scouts began the tedious task of clearing brush and setting the gravestones back into the ground.

Since that work was done, not all of the cemetery's visitors were well-intentioned. In 1977, two of the headstones were

stolen out of the graveyard and later turned up on someone's front lawn in Clarendon Hills on Halloween of that year.

In 1984, an entire row of gravestones were knocked over, including the large Strong family headstone. All of them have since been repaired.

And according to Bingle, there have been two instances of attempted grave robbery in the past 10 years.

But all of that has stopped since the arrival of the Heritage Creek subdivision, which was annexed into Bolingbrook in 1991 and is still under development. Every street in the subdivision was named after someone who is buried in the cemetery.

The last burial in the graveyard was on July 17, 1991, for 47-day-old Megan Lynn Leonard. Her family reportedly wanted her buried there so they could visit the gravesite frequently.

"The main reason this is not an active cemetery anymore is because we don't know where all of the graves are," Bingle said.



seven died before the age of 30, most before reaching 10. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for several years and served as school treasurer for almost 20 years — receiving just \$10 for the first 10 years.

This gravestone of early Will C. Jane Wescott was well preserved in Bolingbrook was unattended during the years of neglect, it landed it from being weather-beaten.



The Strong family gravestone is noticeable among the smaller stones in the cemetery. Robert and Caroline Strong parented 11 children, seven of whom died before the age of 30, and most before they were 10.

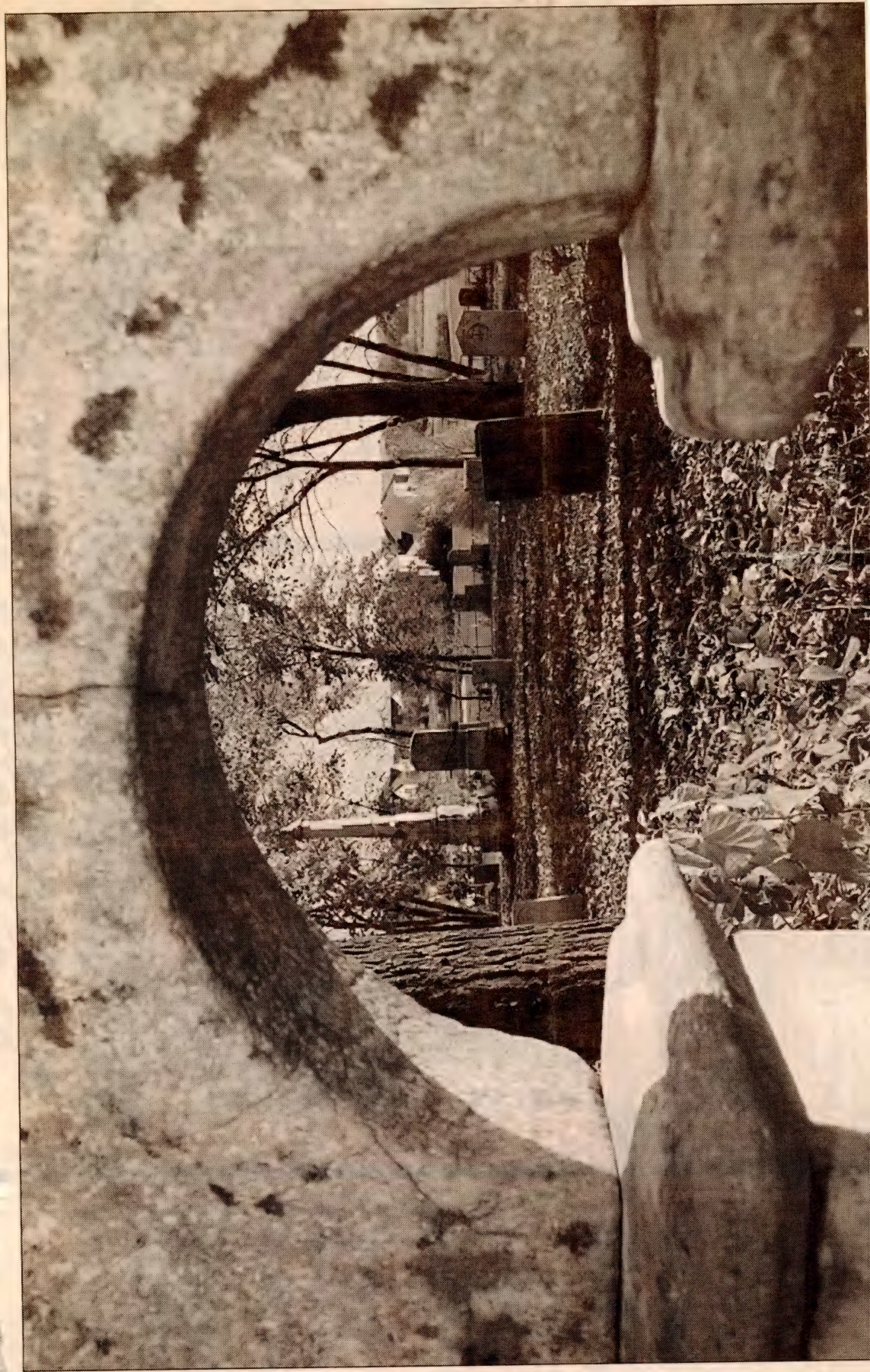
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Elizabeth Cleveland's gravestone, from 1832, is the oldest in the cemetery.



DuPage Township Assessor Jim Bingle (right) and Bolingbrook Village Clerk Carol Penning are two of the many people who have helped refurbish the Boardman Cemetery.

**'To me, it's just a nice cemetery that needs a lot of care.'**



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Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook is the oldest cemetery in Will County. The graveyard's reputation for being haunted, however, has faded over the years.

Cemetery tour embraces area's past, spooky roots and preservation plans

# Historic haunt

**By Rex Robinson**  
Staff Writer

Moss covers many of the gravestones at Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook, where autumn leaves crackle underfoot and trees provide shade over the grounds.

A rusted fence protects the tiny, one-acre graveyard from vandals; the surrounding homes of the Heritage Creek subdivision stand nearby in stark contrast.

While a handful of the headstones are made of granite, most are made of limestone and after more than 150 years the names of the dead are faded, weathered and almost impossible to read.

At night, however, with the use of a lantern, the names show up much better, according to Ed Mecler, who lives in the subdivision and is a

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member of Bolingbrook's Historic Preservation Commission.

"You can read them as if they were carved yesterday," Mecler said.

On Halloween night, preservation commission members conduct tours through the cemetery, the oldest graveyard in Will County. Last year, 450 people visited Boardman Cemetery to view the gravestones, according to Judy Bredeweg, another member of the preservation commission.

This year, the Halloween tours will be held from 5 until 9 p.m. on Oct. 31.

At one time, rumors held the cemetery, just north of Royce Road on



Cemetery maintenance supervisor Ron Homerding stands near one of the headstones Friday. Plans for a renovation of the cemetery include fixing broken headstones and building a new gate and fences.

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It also meant the "border" or Cottager. There were various forms: Bordman, Bordeman, Bowrman, Borman, Boreman, Boarman, Boardeman, Boordman, and finally Boardman as the form accepted in America. The family is found at early dates in counties of London, Oxford, Devon, Somerset, Lancaster, and Norwich. They were mostly landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain. The family, of Anglo-Saxon origin, was represented by William Boreman of Oxfordshire in the early 16th century.

Several Boardmans came to America in the early 1600's. Probably the first was Thomas Boreman (descendants are known as Boardman), son of Thomas and Elizabeth of Oxfordshire. He came to Ipswich, Mass., about 1634. Most of the authorities say his wife was Margaret and his children were Mary, Joanna, Daniel, Thomas, Martha. This is the ancestor of the Boardmans who migrated to Illinois and settled in Will County in the 1830's. (2)

Boardman descendants have spread to every state in the Union and have been known for their energy, ambition, industry, integrity, resourcefulness, initiative, piety, moral and physical strength, perseverance, fortitude and courage.

Coat of Arms, taken from Burke's "General Armory"; 1884

Arms: "Argent, a chevron vert, bordered Gules."

Crest: "A lion sejant, collared and lined or."

This is one of the most ancient and frequently recurrent of the several coats of arms of the Boardman family of England.

Two of the many members of the Boardman family who have distinguished themselves in more recent times were George Dana Boardman of Maine, noted missionary to Burma, who was born in 1801 and died in 1831, leaving an equally famous son, George Dana Boardman who distinguished himself as a clergyman and author and was

living from 1828 to 1903.

Footnote 1: This account of the Boardman family is given in a little booklet compiled by the Media Research Bureau of Washington D.C. No date of publication is given but reference works in 1932 are given. Bibliography:

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This booklet is owned by Mrs. Charles J.Clow, nee Boardman, Plainfield, Ill.

Footnote 2: This is also the lineage of Capt. Harry (Henry) Boardman, who settled in DuPage Twp., Will County, Ill., in 1831. An article written at the time of Wilbur Warren Boardman's death says Capt. Harry Boardman was at one time in command of Old Fort Dearborn, which was later to become the city of Chicago. A sketch of his family is printed in Naperville Pioneers, 1952, D.A.R. Genealogical Records from Illinois.

Footnote 3: Taken from the London Genealogy by J.C.Landon. Published by Clark Boardman Co., South Hero, Vt. It has a note "Apparently one of your grandfather Boardman's sisters married a Landon. (This would be Franklin Boardman.) This typewritten

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1. Boreman, Tom, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. His name appears in the Lay Subsidy List for Banbury Hundred, 1525. ( I believe this means he was to be taxed.)
2. Boreman, Thomas "the Elder" (----- \_ 1579) Claydon near Banbury Oxfordshire, married Isabel ----.(If you allow Thomas three score years and ten it's 1509-1579.) Will dated Apr.3, 1576. Proved May 2, 1580. He was called "the Elder" to distinguish him from a younger brother, also named Thomas, called Thomas of Cropredy.
3. Boreman, William, -- \_ 1612 (13), Claydon, married Annis --16
4. Boreman, Thomas (about 1570-1627/28), Claydon, married 1595/6 to Elizabeth Carter (1575 -1631), daughter of Felix Carter ( \_ \_ -1619) and Margaret Carter ( \_ \_ -1621) Claydon.
5. Boreman, Thomas (1601- 1673), The Emigrant, cooper by trade, Claydon, Oxfordshire, England. Ipswich, Mass., married Margaret Offin ( \_ -1679), Made freeman 1634/5. Being made a free man means to be allowed to join the church. Received grant of land about 1635. Land grant means a section of that settlement became his for cultivation. It is not sure that Margaret's maiden name was Offin. Deduced because a son was named Offin Boreman. Do not know whether married in England; it is fair to say parents were married there.
6. Boreman, Daniel ( \_ -1708). Emigrant with father, Claydon, England, ---Ipswich, Mass. Settled in Topsfield, Mass., married 1662 Hannah Hutchinson. He was select-man for Topsfield (1669-1678). The Hutchinson line (Hutchinson Family, Essex Institute Historical Collections, Salem, Mass., 1869) traces back to Bernard Hutchinson, who was living, 1282, in the reign of Edward I. He married a daughter of John Bayville, Esquire. (1200-1250)?

- 7. Boreman, John Wait (1676 -\_\_\_), Topsfield, Mass. --Preston, Conn., married Mary Billing. After settling in Preston, John Wait Boreman becomes John Bordman. The Billing family (Landon Genealogy) goes back to John Rowell Billing. His son was Sir Thomas Billing (\_\_\_-1481) Of Billings Manor, Troyford, Buckinghamshire. Married Catharine Gifford, daughter of Roger Gifford, Inns of Court, called to bar. Catherine Gifford was the heiress of Gifford's Manor, which became Billing's Manor after her marriage to Thomas.
- 8. Bordman, Joseph (1722-1796), Preston, Conn. Inherited farm from his father, married Rachel Kittiam (1730-1809), daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rose) Killiam at Preston. War record Oct.9, 1778 Lieutenant 2nd Company (Trainband). 1776 Capt. Boardman's Co.8th Regt. Colonial Militia. His corporals were his sons Elijah and David. Somewhere during his time Boardman picks up an "a".
- 9. Boardman, Benjamin (1768-1823), Preston, Conn. Colchester, Vt. married Sabra Brown (\_\_\_-1834).
- 10. Boardman, Amos (1788-1877), Colchester, Vt., ---DuPage Twp. Will Co., Ill., married Harriet Ames (1791-1846). Not known when he came to DuPage Twp. He served in the war of 1812. He spent his last years in the home of his son Franklin. He and his wife were buried in DuPage Twp. Cemetery on Capt. Harry Boardman's farm but later were moved to Wheatland Cemetery.

AMOS BOARDMAN

Birth, Oct,1788, death Mar.17,1877, Preston, Conn., Burlington and Colchester, Vt., DuPage Twp. Ill. Married 1817 to Harriet Ames, Burlington, Vt., birth July 22, 1791, death July 29, 1846.

- Children born Burlington or Colchester, Vt.
- 1. Lucia, born 1813, died 1907. Married Horatio N. Moore, Oswego

- 2.
2. Franklin, born Mar.15,1818, Colchester, Vt., died July 11,1903.  
Married Sept.2,1842, to Mindwell Bates, Colchester,Vt., born  
Jan.7, 1822, died Oct.28, 1904.
  3. Harriet, born 1824, married Ithamar Blakely, Colchester.  
Frank Blakely - married - children ?
  4. Maria, born 1830, not married.
  5. Sophia, born 1830, died 1932, age 102 years, married Wm.Farr,  
Waterloo, Iowa.  
Walker Farr -married - one daughter.
  6. Cornelius, born 1831, died 1908, not married, California.
  7. Cornelia, born 1831, died 1857, married 1846/47 to Perry D.  
Scarrett, Joliet, Ill.
  8. Francis, born 1836, Burlington, Vt., died 1920 at Willows, Cal.  
Married Virginia Duncan Low, born Sept.15, 1856, Franklin Co.,  
Missouri, died Aug.1921, Willows, Calif.

#### LINEAGE OF AMOS BOARDMAN'S DESCENDENTS

1. Lucia Boardman 1813- 1907, married Horatio N.Moore 1808-1856,  
resided in Oswego, Ill. Both buried in Oswego.
  - A. Mary Louise Moore, Feb.20, 1833 - May 10, 1924, married  
Joseph D. Kennedy, Dec. 28, 1827 - Oct.14, 1896. His  
residence Manchester, Iowa. Both buried in Oswege, Ill.  
Infant daughter died.
  - B. Lucia M.Moore, 1841 - 1916. Not married.
  - C. Eliza A.Moore, 1843 - 1918. Married Mr. Danforth,  
No children. Divorced.
  - D. Charles E.Moore, June 17, 1849 - May 16, 1903. Married  
Gertrude Teller, Feb.3, 1856 - Mar. 3, 1920. Residence  
Yorkville, Ill. Both buried in Oswego, Ill.
    1. ) Raymond Moore, Nov.15, 1875 - Dec.15, 1936. Buried

in Benton Harbor, Mich. Married May Godfrey, Sept. 2, 1871  
Married Oct. 25, 1905. Her residence Benton Harbor, Mich.

a.) Mary Moore, born Aug. 4, 1908, in Des Moines, Iowa.  
Married in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31, 1925 to Russell W.  
Johnson, born Oct. 26, 1906, Oak Park, Ill. Residence  
now Cincinnati, Ohio.

(1) Jean Johnson, Dec. 25, 1930.

(2) Douglas Johnson, Aug. 5, 1940.

2.) Joseph Moore, 1888. Married and divorced. Lost track of.

2. Franklin Boardman, Mar. 15, 1818 - July 11, 1903 (apoplexy)  
Plainfield, Ill. Married Mindwell Bates, Jan. 7, 1822 - Oct. 28,  
1904, Plainfield, Ill.

A. Maria Boardman, July 4, 1848 - Mar. 10, 1927. Int. Wheatland,  
married George Rand, died and was buried in Ludlow, Vt.

1.) Frank Rand, 1872 - 1936. Int. Streator, Ill. (Swain Lot)  
Married Harriet Swain of Streator, Ill. Infant died  
at birth, May 8, 1899.

a.) Bertha Rand, died as a child of scarlet fever.

2.) Bessie Rand, Aug. 18, 1883 - May 16, 1942. Int. Wheatland

B. Emma J. Boardman, born June 15, 1850 at Plainfield, Ill.  
Died June 1, 1929. Married June 15, 1869, to William Doty  
Boughton, born Feb. 28, 1846 at Plainfield, died Sept 2, 1928  
Both int. in Wheatland Cemetery.

1.) Mina L. Boughton, born Mar. 24, 1872 at Plainfield.  
Married June 5, 1895 to Frank Eaton, born Oct. 22, 1868  
at Plainfield. She died Jan. 4, 1948. Int. Wheatland Cem.

a.) Lois Eaton, born April 2, 1901 at Plainfield.  
Married Reese Birbitt, June 18, 1900. Res. Plainfield

- 7.
- b.) Alice Eaton, born Apr.2,1904 at Plainfield,  
Married Jan.9,1926 to Milton George, born July 23,  
1901 at Plainfield, Ill.  
(1) Ronald George, born Sept.27,1928 at Plainfield.  
Married Feb.20, 1954 at Lockport, Ill., to  
Carol Kelm, Dec.10, 1935.  
(2) Mary Alice George, Sept.24, 1931, Plainfield.  
Married Sept.1, 1950 to Dale Richard Lambert,  
Mar.11,1929, Joliet, Ill.  
(a) David Richard Lambert, 7-10-51 at Plainfield  
(b) Debra Lyn Lambert, 9-21-54 at Joliet.  
Died Sept.22,1954.  
(c) Steven Dean Lambert, 7-27-55, at Joliet.
- 2.) Bertha Boughton, 7-24-1873 at Plainfield. Died 7-22-1874.
- 3.) Della M. Boughton, 9-22-1875 at Plainfield. Died 5-27-  
1946. Int. Wheatland. Married 1-20-1906 to George T.  
Patterson, born 12-1-1870 at Plainfield, Ill.  
a.) Hope Patterson, 11-14-1910 at Plainfield, Ill.  
Married 9-25-1942 to Robert E. Clow, born 11-9  
1911 at Plainfield. No children.
- 4.) Newell J. Boughton II, 8-9-1877 at Plainfield, Ill.  
Married 6-3-1915 to Lulu M. Boardman, born 6-15-1879  
at Leesville, Calif. Died 6-21-1947 at Parsons Kas.  
Int. Parsons, Kas.  
a.) William Dayton Boughton, 3-1-1918 at Chicago, Ill.  
Married Edith Mason, 8-10-1922 at Parsons, Kas.  
Divorced. Married 12-21-1951 to Irene Thompson,  
born 3-12-1927 at Tahlaqua, Okla. Res. Parsons, Kas.

Children of William D. and Edith Mason Boughton.

(1) Edith Elizabeth Boughton, 5-31-'40, Parsons, Kas.

(2) Macy Ann Boughton, 4-15-1943, Parsons Kas.

b.) Shirley Dean Boughton, 12-30-1919 at Chicago, Ill.

Married 7-14-1945 to George E. Thompson, 6-18-1921,

Warrenton, N.C. Res. Arlington, Va.

(1) George Newell Thompson 8-17-1946, Arlington.

(2) Clifton Philip Thompson 10-12-'48, Arlington.

(3) Mary Lou Thompson, 6-11-'52, Arlington, Va.

(4) Timothy W. Thompson, 9-5-'54, Arlington, Va.

c.) Lowell D. Boughton, 6-23 - 1922, Williams Calif.

Married 8-10-1947 to Lorene Snyder, 5-17-1921

Parsons, Kas. Res. Houma, La.

(1) Marilyn Ann Boughton, 5-12-1950 at Great

Bend, Kas.

(2) Stephen D. Boughton, 3-27-1952 at Great Bend,

Kansas.

(3) Scott David Boughton, 9-11-1954, at Houma, La.

5.) Wilbur Warren Boughton, 2-3-1879 at Plainfield, Ill.

Married 7-19-1905 to Florence Thompson 9-2-1877 at

Firestone, Eng., died 8-20-1953. Int. Wheatland Cem.

a.) Donald W. Boughton 11-8-1907 at Plainfield, Ill.

Married 7-12-1933 to Melva Hewetoon 4-27-1907 at

Kennewick, Wash. He died 11-15-1947. Int. Wheatland.

She resides at Elmhurst, Ill.

(1) Florence Boughton, 3-25-1938 at Hinsdale, Ill.

(2) Diane Boughton, 8-14-1941, at Hinsdale, Ill.

(3) Joane Boughton, 8-14-1941, at Hinsdale, Ill.



- b.) Nowell William Boughton, 1-10-1910 Plainfield, Ill.<sup>9.</sup>  
Married 2-20-1936 to Dorothy Waite, 4-3-1913.  
Res. Plainfield.  
(1) Rose Marie Boughton, 10-22-1936, Plainfield.
- c.) Robert T. Boughton 10-9-1911. Married 4-30-1938  
to Leona Brossman 12-16-1916. Res. Plainfield.  
(1) Delores Boughton 8-19-1938  
(2) Karen Lee Boughton 9-27-1943  
(3) William James Boughton 5-31-1947  
(4) Donald R. Boughton 1-9-49. Died 12-22-1949.
- d.) Walter Petters Boughton 8-24-1915. Married 9-13-  
1941 to Elvera Meadows, 12-26-1922 at Tamalco, Ill.  
(1) Walter P. Boughton II, 2-10-1943, Hinsdale, Ill.  
(2) Lloyd D. Boughton, 11-5-1945 Hinsdale, Ill.  
(3) Barbara Kay Boughton, 1-13-1948.
- 6.) Frank B. Boughton, 7-22-1885 Plainfield, Ill.  
Married 3-10-1915 to Agnes Grommon, 2-7-1889 Plain-  
field, Ill. He died 4-13-1953. Int. Wheatland Cem.
- 7.) David W. Boughton 9-20-1888 Plainfield. Died 12-4-1949.  
Int. Wheatland. Married 3-20-1918 to Esther Patterson,  
4-18-1897 Plainfield. Res. Plainfield, Ill.
- a.) Rollin LeRoy Boughton 8-17-1919 Plainfield.  
Married 3-17-1945 to Lorraine Kinzler 9-6-1924.  
(1) Judith Ann Boughton, 7-22-1947  
(2) David J. Boughton 7-28-1951  
(3) Donna Kaye Boughton 8- 22 - 1956
- b.) Sarah Boughton 11-9-1920, Married 8-12-1944 to

Calvin Russell 3-9-1921.

(1) James David Russell 1-5-1945

(2) Donald Lee 3-9-1957

c.) Ruth Alice Boughton 6-13-1922. Died 9-17-1924.

Int. Wheatland Cem.

8.) Reuben Scott Boughton 11-27-1890 Plainfield, Ill.

Married 9-17-1913 to Della Green 3-23-1891, died

3-4-1948. Int. Wheatland Cem.

a.) Warren J. Boughton 8-9-1915. Married 10-18-'41

to Loretta Sauter, 4-2-1919 Bensonville, Ill.

(1) Elaine Rose Boughton 7-6-1943

(2) Carolyn Jean Boughton 5-16-1948

(3) Donald Warren Boughton 2-25-1952

b.) Mary L. Boughton 11-24-1917, died 7-10-1954.

Int. Wheatland Cem. Married 2-20-1936 to

Homer L. Grommon 12-5-1914 Plainfield, Ill

(1) Sandra Lynn Grommon 8-23-1941

(2) Larry Lambert Grommon 6-13-1943

(3) Dennis Lee Grommon 10-18-1951

c.) Lyndel J. Boughton 6-30-1919, married 9-29-

1940 to Harold Sauter 5-4-1917 Bensonville.

(1) Nancy Lyn Sauter 8-29-1942

(2) Janis May Sauter 6-20-1947

C. Wilbur Warren Boardman, born Aug. 24, 1854 at Wheatland, Ill. died May 6, 1944 at Williams, Calif. Int. Williams. Married Dec. 4, 1877 at Plainfield, Ill., to Sarah Elizabeth Netzley, born Mar. 24, 1858 at Naperville, Ill. She died Dec. 23, 1931, at Williams, Cal. Int. Williams.

- 1.) Lulu M. Boardman, June 15, 1879 Leesville, Calif.  
Died June 12, 1947 Parsons, Kas. Int. Parsons, Kas.  
Married June 3, 1915 in Calif. to Newell J. Boughton,  
Aug. 9, 1877 at Plainfield, Ill.  
For her descendants refer to Fgs. 7-8 under No. 4,  
Newell J. Boughton II.
- 2.) Anna E. Boardman, Aug. 9, 1881, Leesville, Calif.  
Married Nov. 12, 1899 at Leesville, Cal. to Fred Arthur  
Nason, Oct. 26, 1870. Res. Williams, Calif.
- a.) Ora Rowena Nason Oct. 7, 1900, married Mar. 6, 1921  
to Raymond Cook, died Aug. 1924 at Santa Cruz, Cal.  
(1) Betty Susanna Cook,  
Married Apr. 7, 1934 to Clark Gobel.  
(2) a. Lorin Nason Gobel.
- b.) Wilbur Cornelius Nason, June 27, 1904. Married  
July 27, 1932 to Pauline Mendenhall.  
(1) Corinna Virginia Nason, Feb. 21, 1936.
- c.) Donald Melvin Nason, Dec. 24, 1905, died Nov. 15, '52.  
Int. at Williams, Calif. Married Oct. 11, 1927 to  
Elza Grishaber.  
(1) Wanda Louise Nason  
(2) Barbara Anne Nason  
(3) Thelma Jean Nason  
(4) Mary Diane Nason  
(5) James William Nason
- d.) Barbara Alvilda Nason, June 2, 1915, married Sept. 1,  
1940 to Donavin Davis, Res. Live Oak, Calif.  
(1) Debra Kay Davis, Apr. 14, 1951

(2) Sharron Lo Ann Davis, Mar, 2., 1953

c.) Arthur Elwell Nason, Mar. 12, 1920, married 1941 to  
Thelma Ruth Johnson, Res. Yuba City, Calif.

(1) Sandra Jean Nason June 10, 1944

(2) Marla Rae Nason Mar. 23, 1948

(3) Fred Wildon Nason Dec. 3, 1954

3.) Mindwell Jeanette Boardman, Sept. 15, 1883, married Nov.  
26, 1903 to Robert Lee Webb, Feb. 24, 1869, died 2-26-'48.

a.) Verda Frances Webb, Dec. 8, 1908, married Nov. 8, 1941  
to William Lichtenberger, Oct. 5, 1906.

(1) Joan Frances Lichtenberger, Sept. 8, 1942

(2) William Lee Lichtenberger, June 8, 1948

(3) Nori Jeanette Lichtenberger, Oct. 27, 1950

b.) Ruth Genevieve Webb, born Nov. 14, 1917 at Oxnard,  
Calif. Married and divorced V. Elliott.

(1) George Weston Elliott, Sept. 11, 1939.

Married J. Edward Cook, no children.

4.) Franklin Daton Boardman, Dec. 17, 1885 at Leesville,  
Calif. Died July 29, 1952 at Williams, Calif. Married  
Sept. 22, 1909 at Leesville to Margaret Roes, born in  
1883 at Leesville, died in 1943. No children.

D. George Bates Boardman, born Jan. 27, 1859, died Apr. 5, 1938.  
Married July 1, 1886 Wheatland, to Mary J. Clow, she born  
May 11, 1865, died May 29, 1939 at Plainfield. Both Int.  
in Wheatland Com.

1.) Harry Clow Boardman, Apr. 29, 1887, Wheatland; died  
Aug. <sup>6</sup> 1956. Married May 27, 1923 to Bessie McCumber,

born 9-1-1889 in Chicago. Res. Chicago. No children.

2.) Mary Bates Boardman, Dec.26, 1888 at Wheatland.

Married May 15,1913, Wheatland to Charles J. Clow,  
Jan.6,1888, died Dec.3, 1949, Wheatland. Int. Wheatland.

a.) Elizabeth Mary Clow, Apr.4, 1915, died Apr.24,1940  
in Chicago Hospital. Int. in Wheatland Cemetery.

b.) Philip Mills Clow Feb.7, 1920, Joliet, Ill.

"Missing in action" over China Nov.19, 1944.

Officially declared dead Feb.26, 1946. Flying  
a P -51 (Mustang) Fighter Plane.

3.) Frank Cornelius Boardman, May 15,1890, Wheatland,  
died Jan.7,1950 at Idaville, Ind. Int. Buffalo, Ind.

Married Mar.20,1913 at DuPage Twp., to Elsie Royce,  
born Sept.18,1892 DuPage Twp. Naperville, Ill.

Moved from Wheatland to Monticello, Ind.,1932.

a.) James Boardman Dec.10,1913 Wheatland Twp. Married  
Nov.25,1944 to Beatrice Mildred Hughes, July 24,  
1911, Monticello, Ind. Res. Kokomo, Ind.

(1) James Hugh Boardman June 12, 1946, Lafayette, Ind.

b.) George Royce Boardman Nov.4, 1915 Wheatland Twp.,  
married May 10,1937, DuPage, Ill. Ellen Clara Woolley,

b. Feb.11,1912 at Oswego, Ill. Res. Monticello, Ind.

(1) Raymond William Boardman 6/20/1940, Aurora, Ill.

(2) Ruth Ellen Boardman Apr.28,1942, Aurora, Ill.

(3) Frank Charles Boardman Apr.24. 1945 Aurora, Ill.

(4) Royce George Boardman 8/5/1951, Logansport, Ind.

- c.) Alexander Boardman Oct. 30, 1919 Plainfield, Ill.<sup>14</sup>  
Married June 24, 1947 at La Granga, Ill. to  
Priscilla Darrah Livezey, Apr. 7, 1925, La Granga,  
Ill. Res. Denver, Colo.  
(1) David Livezey Boardman Feb. 24, 1950, Casper, Wy.  
(2) Patricia Louise " Dec. 29, 1952, Salt Lake  
City, Utah.  
(3) Philip Bruce Boardman Aug. 10, 1954, Billings,  
Montana.
- d.) Mary Isabelle Boardman Oct. 17, 1925, Aurora, Ill.  
Married Aug. 19, 1950, Sitka, Ind. to Thomas Richard  
Baer, Nov. 27, 1922, New Carlisle, Ind. Res West  
Lafayette, Ind.  
(1) Janice Marie Baer, June 7, 1952 Lafayette.  
(2) Linda Lee Baer Nov. 22, 1954 W. Lafayette, Ind.
- e.) John Boardman Oct. 3, 1922 Wheatland Twp. Ill.  
Married Anna Ardis McCombs Mar. 8, 1928 Monticello,  
Ind.  
(1) Sharon Christine Boardman Apr. 28, 1946 Lafayette.  
(2) Beverly Anne Boardman, May 19, 1947.  
(3) Kathleen Evelyn " , 7/27/48, Lafayette, Ind.  
(4) John Joseph Boardman, 1/12/1951 Logansport, "  
(5) Shirley Jean " , Sept. 2, 1954 " " Ind.
- f.) Harry Stewart Boardman, Nov. 21, 1931, Aurora, Ill.  
Married Aug. 28, 1954 at St. Paul to Sally Lou Algren,  
~~6/8/1935 St. Paul, Res. St. Paul, Minn. No children.~~  
(1) Susan Lynn Boardman, Feb. 24, 1958 at St. Paul, Minn.

- 4.) Margaret Stephens Boardman, Oct.15, 1891 Wheatland Twp., married Oct.15,1919 at her home in Wheatland to Richard Ira Jones, Sept.13,1891, Plainfield, Ill. Res. Plainfield, Ill. No children.
- 5.) Helen Mindwell Boardman June 11, 1893 Wheatland Twp. Married Feb.18,1920 at her home in Wheatland to Abner Thomas, Sept.20, 1891, he died June 12,1951 at Sandwich, Ill. Int.in Big Rock, Ill. Cem. Her present address Leland, Ill.
- a.) Charlotte Helen Thomas Dec.26, 1920, Aurora, Ill. Married Aug.30,1942 Big Rock Church, to Robert Wittrup, Feb.18, 1917 at Benton Harbor, Mich. Res. Syreator, Ill.
- (1) Stephen Robert Wittrup, July 21, 1946, Aurora.
- (2) John Thomas Wittrup Jan.6, 1948, Aurora, Ill.
- (3) *Russell James Wittrup. Syreator, Ill.*
- b.) Mary Elizabeth Thomas Nov.25, 1921, Big Rock, Ill. Married Oct.18, 1941, Big Rock Church to Charles Doetschman, Jan.17, 1918 Yorkville, Ill. Res. at Yorkville, Ill.
- (1) David Charles Doetschman, Nov.24,1942. Aurora.
- (2) Thomas Cary Doetschman Jan.20, 1946, Aurora.
- (3) Richard Allen " , Jan.15, 1952, Aurora, Ill.
- c.) George Bruce Thomas, July 6, 1923 Big Rock, Ill. Not married. Res. Leland, Ill.
- d.) Virginia Belle Thomas, Oct.8, 1925 Aurora, Ill. Married July 5,1946 at Big Rock Ill. Church to Carl Swanson, Oct.29,1923. Res. Plainfield, Ill.
- (1) Gregory Bruce Swanson Feb.8,1950, Aurora, Ill.

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(2) Carla Jean Swanson June 3, 1951, Aurora, Ill.

(3) Helen Kay Swanson June 24, 1953, Aurora, Ill.

(4) ~~Donald Swanson~~, Aurora, Ill.  
e.) Margaret Carolyn Thomas Aug. 16, 1929 Aurora, Ill.

Died Oct. 23, 1944 Aurora, Ill. (Bulbar Polio)

Int. Big Rock Cem.

f.) Roycana Polly Thomas Apr. 29, 1934 Aurora, Ill.

~~Married to Donald Potter at Earlville Presbyterian Church July 12/58~~  
~~Not married. Pres. Res. Ieland, Ill. Res. Sandwich, Ill.~~

6.) Thomas James Boardman Apr. 3, 1899 - Dec. 23, 1899,

Wheatland, Ill. Int. in Wheatland Cem.

7.) Robert George Boardman Dec. 15, 1902 Wheatland Twp.

Married Apr. 1930 at Joliet, Ill., to Emma Miller,

Bloomington, Ill. Divorced. No children. Res. Plainfield.

7. Cornelia Boardman Scarritt

A. Harriet Ellen, born 8-14-1844 Plainfield, Ill. Married  
the first time 9-11-1867 to Newell Boughton, born  
7-22-1842 Plainfield, Ill.

1.) Mary Cornelia Boughton born 9-12-1868 Buffalo, N.Y.

Married first time Mar. 2, 1891 to Henry Shoup, born

5-7-1847 Wilkes Barre, Pa., died 1909. Married 2nd

time Feb. 24, 1936 to Curtis Thompson, born 3-16-1867

Carlisle, Ia. Res. New Virginia, Iowa.

2.) Perry Boughton, born Mar. 1, 1870 Plainfield, Ill.

Not married. Resided at Cherokee, Ia. Died

Children of Mary Cornelia Boughton:

a.) Chester Boughton 2-12-1888 Cherokee, Ia.

Married 5-20 - 1910 to Etta Miller, 7-30-1892 at  
St. Charles, Ia. Res. Thayer, Ia.



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- b.) Howell Shoup 2-15-1892 Cherokee, Ia. Married  
7-20-1919 to Lena McIntosh 8-19-, 906 Nedora, Ia.  
Res. Des Moines. Divorced.
- c.) Nellie Dell Shoup 12-11-1893 Cherokee, Ia.  
Married 7-11-1911 to Alva Bonney 12-31-1892  
New Virginia, Ia. Res. Greybull, Wyo.
- d.) Naomi Shoup 8-1-1895 Cherokee, Ia. Died 7-6-1909  
Int. New Virginia, Ia.
- e.) Margaret Ruth Shoup 8-1-1897 Cherokee, Ia.  
Married 4-10-1916 to Claude W. Kimzey I, born  
9-3-1892 at New Virginia, Ia. W.W.II.
- f.) Loren M. Shoup 1- 31-1902 at Winterset, Ia.  
Married 1-31-1902 at Winterset, Ia. Married  
12-27-1919 to Birdie Curtis, born 8-2-1905 at  
Lacona, Ia. Res. New Virginia, Ia.
- g.) Eunice Geneva Shoup 7-24-1910 Winterset, Ia.  
Died 6-26-1914. Int. New Virginia, Ia.

Grandchildren of Mary Cornelia Boughton:

Chester Boughton - Etta Miller

- (1) Naomi Grace Boughton 7-21-1911 St. Charles, Ia.  
Married 4-24-1944 to Basil Craig, born 4-25-  
-1913 at Leon, Ia. Res. Des Moines, Ia.
- (2) Leona C. Boughton 12-17-1912 at Hanley, Ia.  
Married 4-1-1935 to Walter Hurt, born at  
Lorimer, Ia. Res. Murray, Ia.
- (3) Elias Grant Boughton 6-30-1915 at St. Charles,  
Married 10-23-1945 at Wash., D.C. to Winnifred  
Haddock, born 7-8-1924 at Laconia, N.H.  
Reside at Lorimer, Ia.

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- (4) Mary Eva Boughton 1-9-1917 at Truro, Ia.  
Married 6-30-1937 to Harold Stalcup, born  
10-28-1917 at Lorimor, Ia. Res. Lorimor, Ia.
- (5) Loren Henry Boughton born 5-30-1919 at Truro,  
Ia. Married 7-1942 to Garnetta May Strable,  
born 5-9- 1922 at St. Charles. Res. Doonerville.
- (6) Elda Veneta Boughton 4-6-1921 at Truro, Ia.  
Married 9-18-1943 to Raymond Kinnaird, born  
6-9-1919 at St. Charles. Res. Des Moines, Ia.  
Married Orel Gregory born 10-28-1918 at  
Gilmore, Ia. Res. Des Moines.

Newell L. Shoup - Lena McIntosh

- (1) Claude T. Shoup 4-12-1920 at Des Moines, Ia.  
Married Ethel Roberts 9-12-1918 at Le Mar, Ia.  
Res. Klamath Falls, Ore.
- (2) John Wm. Shoup 7-3-1921 at Des Moines, Ia.  
Married Margaret Ann Linden, born 5-20-, 925  
at Des Moines. Res. Des Moines, Ia.
- (3) Eunice Ruth Shoup 11-26-1923 at Des Moines,  
married 3-29-1943 to Donald E. Wright, born  
1-24-1924 at Des Moines. Res. Des Moines, Ia.

Hollie Doll Shoup - Alva Bonney

- (1) Dale Arthur Bonney, 4-6-1912 at New Virginia.
- (2) Mildred Bonney, 6-12-1915 at New Virginia, Ia  
Married 8-28-1937 to Cecil Davis, 7-31-, 894  
at Colo. Springs, Colo. Res. Venice, Calif.
- (3) Hazel Bonney 10-3-1921 at New Castle, Wyo.  
Married 11-5-1937 to Lee Mead, born at Howell  
Ieb. Res. Gardena, Calif.

(4) Myoma Bonney, 1-7-1925 at Osage, Wyo. Married  
3-1-1947 to Gene Small, 12-18-1923 at  
Greybull, Wyo. Res. Greybull.

(5) Lola Bonney, 8-10-1926 at Osage, Wyo. Married  
9-25-1943 to Wm. Willebracht, born 10-21-1914.

Margaret Ruth Shoup - Claude W. Kimzey I

(1) Lois Claudeon Kimzey, 10-18-1916 at New  
Virginia. Married 8-13-1935 to Harold T.  
Stuart, born 12-18-1907 at Wintersot, Ia.  
Res. New Virginia, Ia.

(2) Doris Arlene Kimzey, b. 10-7-1918 at New  
Virginia, Ia. Married 3-7-1939 to Carl Wm.  
Raney, b. Centerville, Ia. Res. Swan, Ia.

(3) Claude Wesley Kimzey II, b. 3-12-1921 at New  
Virginia, Ia. Married 8-15-1947 to Linda  
Boder, b. at Ottertail, Minn., 11-11-1929.  
Res. Cedar Rapids, Ia.

(4) Albert Henry Kimzey, b. 5-26-1923 at New Vir-  
-ginia, married 11-3-1951 to Barbara Jean  
Hilton, b. 5-27-1933 at Indianola, Ia. Res.  
New Virginia.

(5) Ronald Guy Kimzey, 4-30-1926 at New Virginia.

(6) Margaret Kimzey, 10-18-1937 at New Virginia.

(7) Jerry Lewis Kimzey, 2-20-1939 at New Virginia.

Loren Shoup - Birdie Curtis

(1) Shirley Shoup 8-10-1925 at New Virginia, Ia.  
Married 6-28-1947 to Carol E. Stalter, b. 1-28-  
-1926 at Liberty Center, Ia. Res. Ackworth, Ia.

(2) Fhyllis Shoup, b. 4-3-1928 at New Virginia, Ia.

(3) Dennis Shoup, b. 4-18-1933 at New Virginia, Ia.

(4) Ferrill Diane Shoup, 8-24-1942 at Iowa City.

Great Grandchildren of Mary Cornelia Boughton

Facni Grand Boughton - Basil Craig

(a) Dennis Paul Craig, b. 9-30-1945 at Osceola, Ia.  
D. 10-1-1945

(b) Michi Jean Craig b. 12-10-1950 at Winterset

(c) Michi Jo Craig b. 8-22-1951 at Leon, Ia.

Died 9-6-1951, Int. New Virginia, Ia.

Leona C. Boughton - Walter Hurt

(a) Beverly Jo Hurt b. 6-16-1936 at Lorimor, Ia.

(b) Bertina Lee Hurt b. 4-10-1938  
at Lorimor, Ia.

Elias Grant Boughton - Winnifred Haddock

(a) Sharon Ann Boughton b. 4-24-1946 at Laconia, Ia.

(b) Michael Grant Boughton b. 3-14-1952, Osceola, Ia.

Mary Eva Boughton - Harold Stalcup

(a) Robert Dean Stalcup b. 2-14-1938, Winterset, Ia.

(b) Gary Allen Stalcup b. 11-20-1940 Winterset, Ia.

(c) Donald Lee Stalcup b. 1-24-1942 Winterset, Ia.

(d) Barbara Kaye Stalcup b. 6-30-1948 Osceola, Ia.

Loren Henry Boughton - Garnetta May Strable

(a) Jack Loren Boughton b. 7-3-1943, Des Moines, Ia.

(b) Ronald Guy Boughton b. 1-10-1950 Des Moines, Ia.

Elda Veneta Boughton - 1. Raymond Kinnaird 2. Orel

Gregory

(a) Sandra Jo Kinnaird b. 11-17-1940, Winterset, Ia.

(b) Samuel Dean Kinnaird b. 3-29-1942 St. Charles, Ia.

(c) Sheryl Lee Gregory b. 3-10-1947 Des Moines, Ia.

Claude T. Shoup - Ethel Roberts - no children

John Wm. Shoup - Margaret Ann Linden

- (a) John Linden Shoup b. 2-14-1951 Des Moines, Ia.
- (b) Mary Shoup b. 3-22-1952 at Des Moines, Ia.
- (c) Michael J. Shoup b. 7-17-1953 Des Moines, Ia.

Eunice Ruth Shoup - Donald E. Wright

- (a) Wayne William Wright b. 10-26-'44 Des Moines.
- (b) Thomas E. Wright b. 5-6-1946 Des Moines, Ia.
- (c) Donald John Wright b. 9-20-'48 Des Moines.
- (d) Mark A. Wright b. 7-9-1953 at Des Moines.

Mildred Bonney - Cecil Davis - no children.

Hazel Bonney - Lee Mead - no children.

Wyoma Bonney - Gene Small

- (a) Peggy Jean Small b. 6-18-1951 at Basin, Wyo.

Lola Bonney - Wm. Willebracht

- (a) Arthur C. Willebracht b. 4-12-'44 New Castle.
- (b) Caroline Mae " " B. 2-21-'46 New Castle Wyo
- (c) Dolene Ann " " b. 4-25-'47 New Castle Wyo
- (d) Gene Dale " " b. 9-24-'50 " " Wyo.
- (e) Roberta Carol Willebracht 2-27-'54 at  
Hot Springs, S.D.

Lois Clauden Kimzey - Harold T. Stuart

- (a) Gerald Jean Stuart 4-6-'36 at New Virginia, Ia.
- (b) Lonnie Lee Stuart 10-18-'37 New Virginia, Ia.
- (c) Paul Kimzey Stuart 12-15-'38 New Virginia.
- (d) Mary Jeanette Stuart 1-12-'41 " " Ia.
- (e) Martha Ann Stuart 2-18-'45 New Virginia, Ia.
- (f) Claude E. Stuart 1-20-'47 " " "
- (g) Betty Jane Stuart 9-6-1951 " " "

Doris Arlene Kimzey - Carl Wm. Rancy

- (a) Larry Dean Rancy 10-6-1939 at Swan.
- (b) Jacqueline Kay Rancy 10-4-'41 Hayward, Calif.
- (c) Steven Leon Rancy 8-5-'46 Pleasantville, Ia.

Claude Wesley Kimzey - Linda Boder

- (a) Claudia Mae Kimzey 5-20-'48 Duluth, Minn.
- (b) Marlene Yvonne Kimzey 1-13-'52 Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Albert Henry Kimzey - Barbara Jean Hilton

- (a) Talla Jean Kimzey 2-11-'53 New Virginia, Ia.

Shirley Shoup - Carol E. Stalter

- (a) Dayan Dawn Stalter (adopted)  
Born 3-8-'54 at Des Moines, Ia.

7. Cornelia Boardman Scarritt

A. Harriet Ellen 1848- 1931, second marriage in 1878 to John Fairweather.

- 1.) Thomas Fairweather b. 1879, Des Moines, Ia. Died. Not married.
- 2.) Hazel D. Fairweather b. 1887, married Thomas Patterson Cherokee, Ia.
  - a.) Marjorie E. Patterson b. 1908. Married and divorced Rufus Smith.
  - b.) Dorothy D. Patterson, b. 1912. Married and divorced H. White.
  - c.) Thomas F. Patterson b. 1916. Married Dorothy Polton. Four years service WW II.

B. Sabra Irene Scarritt 1850-1923. Married in 1871 at San Jose, Calif. to William Miller.

1.) Nellie G. Miller 1872. Res. San Jose, Calif. Married  
Harry A. Drew.

a.) Hervyn Augustus Drew 1911. Married Betty  
Garter, San Jose, Calif.

(1) Ronald S. Drew 1934.

(2) Maurin D. Drew 1938.

2.) Florence 1876 - 1926. Married Albert Lake. No family.

3.) Eugene I. Miller 1878-1896. Not Married.

Rachel Cornelia Scarritt 1852-1905. Married in 1877 to  
George P. Mather.

1.) Jenny Maria 1878. Married in 1908 to John Gustafson,  
deceased. She died April 1957.

a.) Jane Mathilde Gustafson 1909, married Edward  
D. Oelkerking, res. Younkers, N.Y.

b.) John Mather Gustafson 1911, married Maryellyn  
Woodfield. Res. Albuquerque, N.M.

(1) Marjorie Jean Gustafson 1939.

(2) John Carl Gustafson 1943.

(3) Laura Sue Gustafson 1944.

c.) Cornelia Anne Gustafson 1913. Not married.

d.) James Gustafson 1915. Married Kathryn Yont,  
Res. Evanston, Ill.

(1) Barbara Marie Gustafson 1939.

(2) Kathryn Anne Gustafson 1942.

(3) James John Gustafson 1946.

e.) Martha Mather Gustafson 1917. Married  
Thomas Dillon. Res. Oak Lawn, Ill.

(1) Kathleen Jane Dillon 1942.

(2) Thomas John Dillon 1943.

(3) Patrick Michael Dillon 1950.

2.) Donald E. Mather 1880, married Victoria Claude,  
no children.

3.) Rose Mather 1882, not married.

4.) John Emory Mather 1885-1888.

5.) Cornelia G. Mather 1889-1919, not married.

6.) Asa F. Mather 1895-1937. W.W.I. Married Catherine  
Ritz.

a.) Robert George Mather 1922, married Jean Allen.  
Res. Cambridge, Mass.

b.) Richard Scarritt Mather 1923. Married Jean  
Lango. Res. Mill Valley, Calif.

(1) Christine Diane Mather 1951.

D. Charles Perry Scarritt 1857. Died in infancy.

8. Frances Marion Boardman, b. Dec. 4, 1836 at Burlington, Vt.  
Died Nov. 12, 1920 Willows, Calif. Married Louisiana (Lou)  
Virginia Duncan, born Sept. 15, 1853 Franklin Co., Mo.  
Died Aug. 1921. Int. in Willows. He came to Calif. from  
Ill. in 1854 and she in 1870. Married 1877 at Williams,  
Calif. He was a miner, teamster and rancher. Sacramento,  
Williams, Leesville, and Willows.

A. Herbert Boyd Boardman May 2, 1879 at Williams, Calif.  
Left home after his mother's death. Whereabouts not  
known. May be in Alaska, may be dead.

B. Edith Cornelia Boardman b. 8-23-1880 at Willows, Cal.  
Died 4-23-1953 at Compton, Cal. Married 8-15-1907 in  
Leesville, Cal. to Bert White, b. 1875 Chicago, Ill.  
Died Dec. 1949 at Compton. Both buried there.



C. Adda Elizabeth Boardman b. 7-5-1885 Williams, Calif.

Married May 1, 1913 at San Rafael, Cal., to Walter W.

Cross, b. 7-23-1885 Delphi, Ind. (Physician).

D. Cornelius Ray Boardman Oct. 4, 1884. Died 1890.

E. Harriet Eliza Boardman, b. 11-9-1889 Leesville, Calif.

Married Aug. 1915 at San Francisco, Calif. to Clarence

Charles Garber, b. 12-4-1885, Chicago, Ill. Res Long

Beach, Calif.

Grandchildren of Francis Marion and Lou Boardman.

Cornelia Boardman and Bert White.

1.) Chester Boardman White, died in infancy.

2.) Dorothea Virginia White, b. 7-24-1911 Willows, Cal.

Married in 1931 at Compton, Cal. to Thos. Davies of  
Long Beach, Cal. Res. Long Beach.

3.) Elizabeth Boardman White, b. 4-15-1913 Willows, Cal.

Married in 1932 at Compton, Cal to Harry Welker.

4.) Ruth Marie White, b. 1-29-1918 at Willows, Calif.

Married at Long Beach in 1944 to Edward Casaria.

Adda Elizabeth Boardman and Walter Wm. Cross.

5.) Nancy Lou Cross, b. 1-26-1914 Sacramento, Calif.

Married Dec. 31, 1936 in Reno, Nevada to Earl S.  
Gimblin, b. 1-21-1915, Redding, Calif.

6.) Jane Elizabeth Cross, b. 7-7-1917 at San Francisco.

Married 10- 1939 at Mendocino, Nev. to Ray B. Harris,  
b. 4-30-1913. Divorced during the war 1942. Her  
second marriage was in Aug. 1949, in Jackson, Cal.  
to Rudolph Lubach, b. 8-24-1916, New York City.

Harriet Eliza Boardman and Clarence Chas, Garber

7.) William Francis Garber, b. 9-15- 1917 Willows, Cal.

He is a chemical eng. in the Los Angeles Sanitation Dept. of Los Angeles. Res. Culver City.

- 8.) David Garber, b. 9-16-1919 at Willows, Calif. In July 1949 married to Mary Ann ----- . He is District Manager of Standard Oil Co. in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 9.) Charles Robert Garber, b. 8-31-1924 at Willows, Cal. Married in S. Pasadena to Dorothy Bishop, b. in May 1923. Charles is a lawyer with Standard Oil Co. in San Francisco. Graduate of Washington University and U.S.C. at Los Angeles.

Great Grandchildren of Francis Marion and Lou Boardman  
Children of Dorothea Virginia White and Thomas Davies

- 1.) Thomas Davies Jr., b. 1932 in Long Beach, Calif  
Married 1951 at Long Beach. Living in Long Beach.
- 2.) David Davies, b. 1936 at Long Beach, Cal. Student at Long Beach Jr. College.
- 3.) Linda Davies, b. 1944. Living with parents in Long Beach, Calif.

Children of Nancy Lou Cress and Earl S. Gimblin

- 4.) Kenneth Earl Gimblin, b. 12-2-1937 at Sacramento.  
Senior in Sacramento H.S. (1956)
- 5.) Catherine Jane Gimblin, b. 4-10-1940, Sacramento.
- 6.) Nancy Lizbeth Gimblin, b. 10-16-1941, " Calif.
- 7.) Jean Cress Gimblin, b. 11-10-1951, Sacramento, Calif.

Children of Jane Elizabeth Cress and husbands Harris and Lubach.

- 8.) Michael Boardman Harris, b. 7-31-1940, Sacramento.
- 9.) Christine Lubach, b. 6-30-1950, Sacramento.
- 10.) Stephen Walter Lubach, b. 3-14-1952, Sacramento, Calif.

Daughter of William and Ruth Garber

11.) Lisa Garber, b.12-25-1952

Son of Charles and Dorothy Garber, residing at San Mateo. Cal.

12.) Eric Stephen Garber, b. 11-24-1954

Children of Elizabeth Boardman White and Harry Welker

13.) Sandra Welker, b.10 -- 1936 at Long Beach, married  
7-15-1955 Long Beach to Charles O. Malley, reside  
at Long Beach, Calif.

14.) Delbert Welker, b. Sept. 1940 at Compton, Cal. Living  
in Woodland Hills, San Fernando Valley, Calif.

15.) Daniel Welker, b. Nov. 1946 at Long Beach. Living  
in Woodland Hills.

16.) Mary Ann Casaria, b. 4-24-1946 (daughter of Ruth  
Marie White and Edward Casaria.)

## WAR RECORDS OF BOARDMAN DESCENDANTS

Robert Wittrup, husband of Charlotte Thomas Wittrup, Streator, Ill., served in the army from 1937 to 1945. Served three years in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor and 22 months in England during World War II.

Alexander Boardman, Monticello, Ind., enlisted in the Navy April 15, 1941 and was honorably discharged Oct. 29, 1945, as an ensign aviator. Attended Aviation Ordnance School at Jacksonville, Fla., and Bomb Site School at Dahlgren, Va. Later stationed with an air squadron at Floyd Bennett Field in New York. Started flight training in 1943 and graduated from Pensacola. Served aboard U.S.S. Guadalcanal; U.S.S. Ranger and U.S.S. Wake Island.

James Boardman, of Monticello, Ind., enlisted in the U.S. Navy Feb. 16, 1938. Was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs bombed it Dec. 7, 1941. Served on the U.S.S. Escalante, U.S.S. Chester, U.S.S. Anderson, U.S.S. Arneb, U.S.S. Curtiss and U.S.S. Quick. Made numerous trips across the Atlantic on the U.S.S. Escalante during the war. Received the following medals from the Navy: American Defense with 1 star, American Theatre, European-African-Mediterranean, Asiatic and Pacific with 3 stars, Good Conduct Medal with 3 stars, Phillipine Liberation with 1 star, and World War II Victory Medal. Made 16 trips through the Panama Canal. Served in the Navy during the war as Warrent Officer Electrician, and was honorably discharged in Dec., 1947. Enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in June 1948. In 1951 was sent to Furstenfeldbruck Air Base in Germany, where he was stationed with the occupational forces for 2½ years. In 1954 he returned to the U.S. and was

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stationed at Otis A.F. Base at Cape Cod, Mass. Now at Bunker Hill A.F. Base at Peru, Ind., holding the permanent rank of Master Sergeant.

Stewart  
Harry Boardman Sr., Monticello, Ind. Served in the U.S. Navy in the Hospital Corps. Tour of active duty was Apr. 1, 1949 to June 18, 1952. Duty Stations: 1. Various hospitals and medical schools on both east and west coasts; Sea duty on U.S.S. Yancey AKA-93 and U.S.S. Consolation AH-15. Had duty aboard these ships in the Korean War Zone for approximately 15 months.

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HARRY BOARDMAN Sr. of Chicago, Ill., served with the National Guard in Texas in 1916. Entered service in the army in World War I. After completing his training at Camp Grant and Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and at Ft. Sill, Okla., he requested overseas service, but was retained as an instructor in the School of Fire at Ft. Sill, and was honorably discharged from the service at the close of the war with the rank of Major.

Robert Boardman of Plainfield, Ill., was accepted into service in the U.S. Army in Oct., 1943 at Camp Grant, Ill. After training at Camp McCoy, Wis., he was sent to Hawthorne, Calif., and assigned to Battery G, 603rd Coast Artillery at Camp Anza, Calif. Was honorably discharged in Aug., 1944 with rank of Pvt. 1/class.

Philip H. Clow of Plainfield, Ill., was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June, 1942. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in July, 1942. Entered active service in Jan., 1943. After flight training at San Antonio and Hicks Field at Ft. Worth,

Texas, where on Dec. 5, 1943 he received his "Wings" and was commissioned a Second Lt. After further operational training at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla., and St. Petersburg, Fla., he left for overseas duty. On Sept. 15, 1944, he was assigned to the 16th Fighter Squadron, 51st Group of the 14th Air Force at Kunning, China. While flying a P5 (Mustang) fighter at a forward base at Nanning, China, he was reported "missing in action" on Nov. 19, 1944. Was officially declared dead on Feb. 26, 1946. Awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Thomas R. Baer of Lafayette, Ind., husband of Mary Boardman Baer, was inducted into the army on Oct. 17, 1942. He was assigned to the Medical Detachment, 329th Infantry, 83rd Division (known as the Thunderbolt Division.) He began his basic training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. On Apr. 6, 1944, he arrived in Wales. He served as a 1st Sgt., Medical Detachment and saw action at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He returned to the U.S. on Nov. 11, 1945 and was discharged Nov. 16, 1945 at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Richard Ira Jones of Plainfield, Ill., husband of Margaret Boardman Jones, was inducted into service in the U.S. Army in World War I in Sept. 1917 at Camp Dodge, Ia. Was assigned to the 83th Div. of the 313th Eng. He sailed for France in Aug., 1918, and served 11 months overseas with the rank of Sgt. Arrived home in Aug. 1919.

Shirley Dean Boughton of Parsons, Kansas, now wife of Geo. E. Thompson, Arlington, Va., was inducted into service of the U.S. Army in Mar. 1944 at Deerfield, Wis., and reported at Camp McCoy, Wis., for duty as a trained nurse (Graduate of

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Chicago Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Oct. 12, 1943.  
On May 12, 1944, she reported to the 156th General Hospital at Camp McCoy. On June 7, 1944, she arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J., and on June 22, 1944 she left for P.O.E., on the steamer Queen Elizabeth. Arrived in Glasgow, Scotland, June 28. Proceeded to a new U.S. hospital at Herford, England, where she practised nursing until June 29, 1945, when she left England for Camp Kilmer, N.J., arriving July 2. Sent to the Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and was released from active duty Nov. 3, 1945.

Lowell D. Boughton of Parsons, Kansas was inducted into the Army Dec. 15, 1942. Reported for active duty at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 22, 1942. After receiving training at five camps and two State Universities, he was transferred from one detachment to another several times. He left Ft. Lawton, Wash. on Oct. 2, 1944 for Oahu, Hawaii and Saipan in the Marianas Islands. He arrived in Saipan on Nov. 16th, where he served in the 217th Malaria Survey Detachment until Jan. 15, 1946, at which time he left for U.S. and was discharged as a Sgt. at Ft. Logan, Colo., Feb. 2, 1946.

Walter P. Boughton of Plainfield, Ill. was inducted into the Army Feb. 18, 1942 at Camp Grant, Ill. He went to the Engineers' training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Feb. 21st, to the 176th Engineering Regiment at Camp Bowie, Texas, then to Camp Murray, Wash., and left Seattle for Maknek, Alaska on the Chirokoff on June 18, 1942. On Oct. 3, 1943 he went to Adak Aleutian Islands. He left Adak on Dec. 7, 1944. Arrived in Seattle Dec. 18, 1944 on the Chirokoff. Reported at Ft. Belvoir, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1945, and left there June 27th for Lawton, Wash.

He sailed for Okinawa on the Saratoga, arriving there on Aug. 12th, 1945, and left there Nov. 5, 1945 arriving in Seattle Nov. 25th. Discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., Dec. 4, 1945 as a Master Sergeant. He received Asiatic, Pacific and American Theater Ribbons, Victory and Good Conduct Medals.

Warren J. Boughton of Plainfield, Ill., enlisted Sept. 23, 1943 with a rating of W.T. 2/C U.S. Seabees. Received training at Camp Peary, Va., Camp Endicott, R.I., and went to Ft. Hueneme, Calif., in Feb. 1944. Left Calif. in June 1944 for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he repaired submarines until an accident sent him to Area Hospital in Hawaii for three months. In Feb. 1945 he was sent to Camp Endicott, R.I. for medical observation and was discharged Dec. 23, 1945.



## AMOS BOARDMAN FAMILY

Lucia married Horatio Moore and lived in Oswego, Ill. until her death in 1907; she was buried in Oswego Cemetery. She was a sweet old lady as I remember her.

Harriot never came West - died in the East.

Maria lived in California with her brother Cornelius for some time. She died in a sanatorium in Iowa.

Sophia married William Farr, Nashua, Iowa, and lived to the good old age of 102 years. The dates of her life are 1830 - 1932.

Cornelius went west at the time (or about then) of the Gold Rush in the late '50's with his brother Francis. He did not mine but drove a freight team that handled freight to the mines. He took up land near Leesville, Colusa Co., where he farmed until his death in 1908.

Cornelia married Perry Scarritt, 1846/47.

Francis Boardman, born Dec. 4, 1836, Burlington, Vt., went to California at the same time as Cornelius, in the late 50's. He married Lou Virginia Duncan, born Sept. 15, 1853, Franklin Co. Missouri. She died Aug. 1921, at Willows Calif. He took up land at Willows and died there Nov. 20, '20

Franklin, born in Colchester, Vt., Mar. 15, 1818. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Died Mar. 17, 1877. Franklin was raised on his father's farm. In 1844 he emigrated west, via canal and lake, to Chicago, thence by wagon and team to Will Co. Illinois. He held several offices of public trust: Supervisor in 1854, 1855, 1856; for many years Twp. School Treasurer; appointed Post Master at East Wheatland in about 1870. He was Republican in politics; was a member of the Baptist Church of Plainfield.

He was married on Sept. 2, 1842 to Mindwell Bates. When he came west and landed in Chicago he had but \$33 in money. He bought a good farm in Wheatland Twp.

Maria Boardman married George Rand, he worked for the C. B. & Q. Railroad as conductor until he retired. Their home was in Streator, Ill. until then. After that they moved back to Ludlow, Vt., where he died and was buried. She and her daughter Bessie came back to Naperville where she died.

Emma Boardman married William Doty Boughton, June 15, 1869; they lived near the Boardman home, about a mile away on the original Boughton homestead. They raised a large family of children, three daughters and five sons, Bertha dying in early childhood. Emma died June 1, 1929.

Wilbur Warren (to quote from an article written at the time of his death) was born Aug. 25, 1854, grew up on his father's farm and received his early education in the public schools. He attended the old Jennings Seminary at Aurora and North Western College (now North Central) at Naperville. When 23 years old he set out for California and came to Leesville, where his uncle, Cornelius resided. He rented a tract of 160 acres of land in Indian Valley near Leesville, where he remained for 3 years raising stock and grain. In 1884 he purchased the nucleus of his two large ranches, upon which he made extensive improvements and he became one of the most successful farmers of the area. He was elected Supervisor of the Third District of Colusa Co. in 1916, serving a 4 year term, adopting the same efficient business methods for his district that had characterized his own successful operation of his ranches. Tall, rugged and an

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"out doer" man all his life, he was proud of his 66 years of residence in Western Colusa County. Mr. Boardman was returning to his ranch home in the evening of May 13, 1944, when he died of a heart attack at the wheel of his automobile on the Leesville grade. When his car failed to negotiate the turn on the out-back part of the road at a spot called "Windy Point", he was hurled from the car to a ledge and the car plunged to the canyon 300 or 400 feet below. He was 89 years of age. An autopsy found death was the result of a coronary occlusion while driving. He was known as an honest and upright citizen, was amazingly active and was possessed of a remarkable memory.

George Bates Boardman, born Jan. 27, 1859, grew up on his father's farm and received his early education in the public schools, attended old Jennings Seminary at Aurora and North Western College (now North Central) at Naperville. At the age of 27 he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Clow on July 1, 1886, and they resided on his father's farm, he continuing farming operations with his father until his death, and continued farming there until 1928.

Mr. Boardman was an excellent farmer. He was instrumental in getting the first rural mail route established in the vicinity (Will Co, I believe) in the year 1898 or '99. He served as Supervisor of Wheatland Twp., ran for the State Legislature on the Republican ticket in 1913, and won a contested election, being a member of the 48th General Assembly of the State Legislature.

He was much interested in the Wheatland Plowing Match and could plow a furrow "straight as a string". (See his poem on the last page) For years he taught a Sunday School Class at

the DuPage Presbyterian Church. He served as an elder of the church from July, 1905 to April 1938, was elected the ruling elder, and at the time of his death was the senior member of the session.

For a time he raised and sold pure bred horses and was a lover of the best cattle and an excellent judge of them.

After his father's death he purchased the farm and continued farming. He withstood the misfortunes of life with fortitude and enjoyed the "sweets" of life to the full.

On the eve of Oct. 3, 1903, a tornado of force destroyed or wrecked practically every building on the farm, except the house (windows, chimneys, etc. on that being damaged.) Trees and destruction everywhere and no insurance for wind. Naturally it was a great financial blow to him - but no complaints. His good neighbors showed their great regard for him in their efforts to clear away the evidence of the storm, working day after day to clear it away.

Because of a severe illness he retired from farming in 1928, leaving his son Frank to run the farm. He worked for the government, state or federal, from then on, was Farm Manager of the Manteno State Hospital at the time of its opening, and at the time of his death was landscape foreman at Marseilles, Ill., in the National Park Service. He was alone there evenings and busied himself with a bit of writing, some of which will be added to this sketch. He was happy in his work and as his father said before him "wished to die in the business." He suffered an attack of coronary thrombosis and passed from this life at the age of 79 years on April 5, 1938, at Marseilles, Ill. He was brought to his daughter's home at Plainfield. A terrific sleet and snow

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storm made roads almost impassable, but services were held at the DuPage church, the large attendance at the service showing the respect they held for him.

He and his wife with their children and their families had dinner together on their 50th wedding anniversary, at the home of his daughter in Plainfield, and he poured out all his reverence and thankfulness to the Almighty and his love for all the good things of life and family in a simple and very beautiful prayer which he offered before we partook of dinner together. He and his wife enjoyed to the full the good wishes and respect of all the friends who called later in the day to celebrate with them.

As I write all the old memories come stealing back - and how Father used to rock us at night, singing the old, old songs of yester year - how he used to get the breakfast (make pançakes and Johnny cake) when Mother was so busy with her children, how, regardless of the busy cares and hurry of the day, we always had grace at the table, and after breakfast in the morning we sat back from the table for scripture reading and prayers, how, by some means, Mother would get us ready for church - remembering distinctly one Children's Day we were all dressed in our finery and about two-thirds of the way to church when, at a very inopportune place, a mud puddle, the carriage wheel broke.

Such is life in a big family, and ours was a happy life. I remember when Brother Harry played checkers with Grandfather Franklin Boardman, Grandfather and Grandmother enjoying their meals which were always excellent, how we children slipped in to get a bit of peppermint candy from Grandmother - the every day happenings in the life of a

happy, growing family - the traditions and heritage of Family

HARRY CLOW BOARDMAN was born April 29, 1887, attended public school at White School, Dist. #40 in Wheatland, located near the DuPage River. After finishing 8th grade he entered Plainfield High School, graduated, then went on to the University of Illinois to complete his education in 1910, then went to Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. for his first position in the business world. He belonged to the National Guard and when trouble brewed on the Border went to Texas with the Guard. In 1926 he returned to the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. at Chicago, where he has been ever since. A copy of an article written in their bi-monthly magazine "The Water Tower" shows how they regard him and I'm sure all who know him have the greatest regard for him. He and his good wife are located at 5050 East End Ave., Chicago, their lovely living room overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan in all its changing moods.

Copied from "The Water Tower."

"Harry Boardman Honored with Chairmanship in A.S.M.E.  
Harry Boardman's elevation to Chairman of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers comes as a sincere tribute to his professional attainments and his high integrity. For nineteen years Mr. Boardman has been a member of the A.S.M.E. Boiler Code Committee, serving on many of its important sub-committees, frequently as chairman. He is now Chairman of both manufacturers' sub-committees on storage tanks for the A.P.I. Many other honors have been bestowed on him, including the A.W.S. Miller award in 1942. This year he has been designated as an alternate delegate for the International Institute of

Welding. Mr. Boardman started with our company in the main office at Chicago in 1910, serving as Draftsman and Chief Draftsman. He went to Texas with the National Guard in 1916, returned and later entered World War I. He rejoined our organization as a Research Engineer in 1926, after serving several years on the faculty of the University of Illinois. Since 1945 Mr. Boardman has been Director of Research."

MARY B. CLOW was born Dec. 26, 1888, just after the stroke of midnight Christmas Night. She went to school at the White School and she, like her brother Harry was of his class, was Valedictorian of her class at Plainfield High School in 1907. On May 15, 1913 she was united in marriage at her father's home to Charles J. Clow, son of William and Eliza Clow, of pioneer stock. They lived on the William Clow homestead, in Wheatland, where he farmed until his death on Dec. 3, 1949. They were blessed with two children, Elizabeth Mary and Philip Mills Clow. Elizabeth, Beth as we called her, finished high school at Naperville and attended the University of Illinois, but illness of some length brought a peaceful rest from this life on April 24, 1940.

Philip, born Feb. 7, 1920, after graduating from Naperville High School, took the competitive examinations for entrance at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, made the grade and received his appointment on Christmas Day. He was admitted to the Academy in June, 1939 and was graduated in June 1942. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Navy, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and reported for active duty at San Antonio, Texas. In April 1944 he left for overseas duty, arrived in India early in June, was stationed

at Karachi about 8 weeks, then left for China. He flew a P-40 over the "Hump" and landed at Kunming, where on Sept. 15, 1944 he was assigned to the 16th Fighter Squadron, 51st Group of the 14th Air Corps. On Nov. 19, 1944, he was reported "missing in action" while on a ferry mission from Nanning to Kunming.

In December 1949, Mary's husband passed away after a lingering illness. Beth and her father rest in the family lot in Wheatland Cemetery. Philip's life record is recorded on the marker.

I needn't elaborate on Mary's character. She has accepted the loss of her entire family with silence, patience and faith, never burdening others with her grief but with a smile, taking up the threads of daily life, serving as an inspiration to all who walk with her. After her husband's death she moved to Plainfield, where she lives in a comfortable little white house, making a wonderful home for Brother Robert, and generally entering into the village life. She attends the Congregational Church but still holds her membership in the old meeting place, the DuPage Presbyterian Church.

FRANKLIN CORNELIUS BOARDMAN was born in Wheatland Twp. on May 15, 1890. He went to the White School and attended Plainfield High School. He loved to farm and at an early age helped his father with the farm work. On Mar. 20, 1913 he married Elsie Royce, daughter of Johnathan and Mary Royce,



parents. They bought a farm joining his father's farm and they lived there until his father gave up farming, when they moved to the old Franklin Boardman farm. He gave up farming in Illinois and moved to Sitka, Indiana, March 6, 1934.

On Saturday morning, Jan. 9, 1950, when riding with a gentleman from whom he was to purchase hay, the car was struck by a Pennsylvanian Freight train at the crossing in Idaville, Ind., killing Frank instantly. His son John, who followed in a truck witnessed the accident.

MARGARET STEPHENS BOARDMAN was born Oct. 15, 1891. Like the rest of the Boardman children, the White School was her place of learning in youth; then in June, 1910. she graduated from Plainfield High School. She was at home with the family until her marriage to Richard I. Jones of Plainfield on Oct. 15, 1919. He was the son of Richard John Jones and Elizabeth Japps Jones. His father came to America when very young with his parents from England. Richard I. Jones served in the 313th Engineers of the 88th Division in World War I. He returned home from France in August and they were married in October. They have no family. His father and his uncle established Jones Hardware in 1890, his uncle selling out to Mr. Jones after a few years. After his father's death Richard has continued the business, it being 65 years old this year. Richard holds membership in the Christ

Episcopal Church, Joliet. Margaret still keeps her membership in the DuPage Presbyterian Church.

HELEN MINDWELL BOARDMAN was born June 11, 1893. Her early school days were at Wheatland White School, then Plainfield High School, graduating in June, 1912. She married Abner Thomas, son of George and Helen Royce Thomas, the Royces coming from pioneer family of DuPage, on Feb. 18, 1920. Their residence now is on a good farm near Leland, Ill., where he passed away of a heart attack on June 12, 1951. *Buried in W. Big Rock cemetery*

THOMAS JAMES BOARDMAN was born Apr. 3, 1899. He was a bright little fellow while he lived his short life. Spinal bixida was his ailment, he being paralyzed from the waist down. He died on Dec. 23, 1899 and is buried in the Boardman lot near his mother and father.

ROBERT GEORGE BOARDMAN was born Dec. 15, 1902, went to grade school at White School, then to Naperville High School. He worked for years at Kroehler's shop in Naperville at the upholstering trade. He served a little better than a year in World War II. He now has an upholstering shop at the home of his sister Mary in Plainfield. Robert too joined the DuPage Church. Ill health keeps him from full time work, but he enjoys his shop and his sister makes life pleasant for him and she enjoys his company.

Footnote; Margaret Boardman Jones asks the compilers to return her copy with the following: "I'm positive

Where are we bound? Wonder if future generations will ever have time to read and learn of our ancestors?" A formal genealogy gives information but teaches little about the lives or the times. If some Wheatland descendant should find time to read in these records he would find that, though experiences in other generations have been different, the fundamental pattern remains the same."

### THE FIRST WHEATLAND PLOWING MATCH

George B. Boardman

It's nine and fifty years since I,  
 An eager, happy lad,  
 Set out for Wheatland's Plowing Match,  
 The first they'd ever had.  
 'Twas held on Alex Brown's old farm,  
 As I remember well,  
 And of the things that happened there  
 I'll do my best to tell.

I don't remember all the men  
 Whose hats were in the ring,  
 But the prize that I went there to get  
 Was handed Jimmy King.  
 I remember William Lumbard,  
 With straight coulter on his plow,  
 Who, with confidence aplenty  
 Went out to show us how.

And Robert Lee was deathly sick  
 From eating chicken pie,  
 And how he felt quite certain  
 His time had come to die.

The school house I remember  
 Was our first dining-hall,  
 And also I remember  
 There was room enough for all.

Those were the horse and buggy days,  
 Before the sulky plow.  
 If I could have them back again,  
 I'd almost take them now.  
 I know we have more comforts now  
 And pleasures to enjoy,  
 But only once do we possess  
 The feelings of a boy.

First the sulky, then the gang,  
And then a monstrous tractor,  
This rig's propelling force was steam,  
And Avery was its maker.  
It didn't try to win a prize,  
But stood out on the side,  
And every now and then 'twould start  
And give the boys a ride.

And after all the work was done,  
And dinner time was passed,  
This mighty locomotive  
Went out to do its task.  
It ripped and snorted down the field,  
And back and forth again,  
And shortly it had done as much  
As all the teams and men.

Next gasoline came into use  
An automotive power,  
And from that time  
Advance was made  
Almost by day and hour  
Till after nearly sixty years  
Of busy life expires,  
The boy boy who now goes out to plow  
Goes out on rubber tires.

I wouldn't stop the march of time  
To do so 'twould be mad.  
I'm only reminiscing  
Of the time when I was a lad.  
I guess the boys have all checked in  
That I met there that day sir,  
They've all gone in to get a prize,  
Unless it's Michael Fazer.  
Soon I'll go, too, to join the rest,  
I think the going's fine.  
When I get there I'll hope to meet  
The Class of Fifty-nine.



BOARDMAN CEMETERY EST. 1832

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"Rejoice for a mother  
deceased,  
Our loss is her infinite gain,  
A soul out of prison released,  
And freed from 'it's bodily  
chain'."

~Elizabeth Hawken (1840)

"In defense of his country at  
Gallatin, Tennessee."

~Andrew Ingals (1863)

"A little flower of love, that  
blossomed but to die,  
Transplanted now above, to  
bloom with God on high."

~Infant of I. E. & A. Ingals  
(1868)

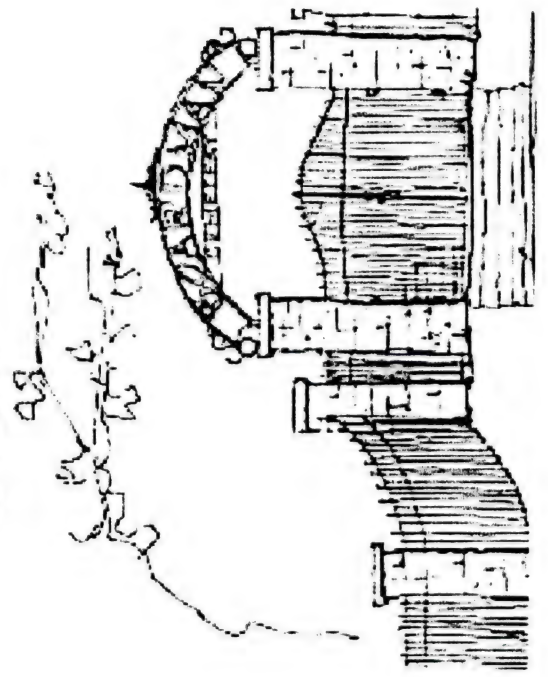
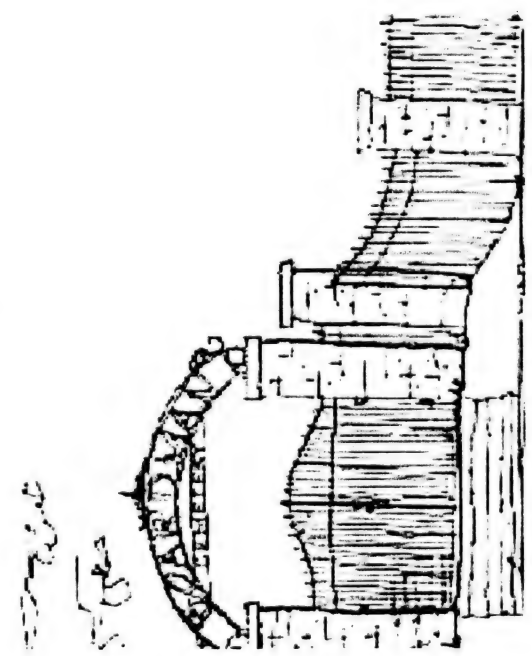
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# Boardman Cemetery

# Commemorative Bricks for Fence & Gate Project



Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to place an Engraved Brick or Granite Paver in the Boardman Cemetery.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

The 8" X 12" and 8" X 16" Granite Pavers will be located in the pation area behind the entrance gate. LOCATION OF THE BRICK OR PAVER CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

**4" x 8" SINGLE BRICK**

Contribution \$50 · 2 lines

Contribution \$75 · 3 lines

There is space for TWO OR THREE LINES with 14 spaces per line


**8" x 8" GRANITE PAVER**

Contribution \$200

There is space for SIX LINES with 14 spaces per line


**8' X 12" GRANITE PAVER**

Contribution \$300 +

There is space for SIX LINES with 21 spaces per line.


**8" X 16" GRANITE PAVER**

Contribution \$500 +

There is space for SIX LINES with 28 spaces per line.


Please make your checks payable to **BOARDMAN CEMETERY FUND**.  
 The project is sponsored by DuPage Township & the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission.  
 You may mail your checks to:  
 DuPage Township  
 241 Canterbury Lane  
 Bolingbrook, IL 60440-2834

Please contact DuPage Township at 630-759-1317 for more information.  
 Or visit our website at [www.dupagetownship.com](http://www.dupagetownship.com)



# Boardman Cemetery Gate Fund

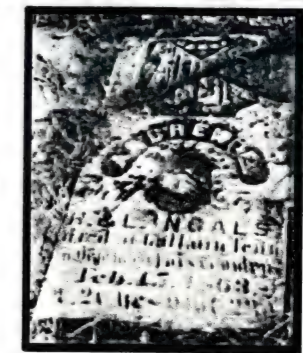


**Harry Boardman**  
5/30/1877

Captain Boardman signed the deed in 1846 donating the land for the community burying ground, the Boardman Cemetery.

**Andrew E. Ingals**  
2/15/1863

The only Civil War soldier buried in Boardman Cemetery. He died in Gallatin, TN. in defense of his country.



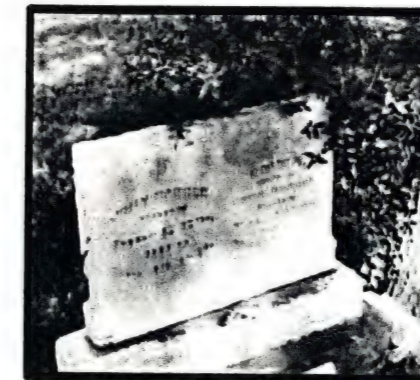
**Jonathan Royce / Polly Emery Royce**  
12/14/1863      4/25/1875

Jonathan Royce settled in this area in the summer of 1835. At one time, he owned over three thousand acres of land in the Township. His wife, Polly Emery, was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, whose father was one of the minute-men at Concord.



**John Barber / Emma Barber**  
12/19/1876      5/2/1874

John Barber came to old Fort Dearborn in 1832, on the boat that brought General Scott's army to do duty in the Sac War. In the spring of 1832 he laid claim to 211 acres in DuPage Township.



*Boardman Cemetery 1975*

Accepting a donation from the Bolingbrook Federated Women's Club Presenting is Peggy Danof - President of the Bolingbrook Federated Women's Club - Accepting for the Bolingbrook Historical Society is President, Judy Bredeweg, with Jim Bingle looking on.

*Memorial Day 1999*

Robert Schanks, Supervisor-DuPage Township  
Cathy Bouley, President-Historic Preservation Commission  
Roger Claar, Mayor-Village of Bolingbrook



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We welcome your contributions in the following categories:

AMOUNT	MATERIAL	TYPE
\$ 0 - \$ 50.00	Parchment	Thank You
\$51.00 - \$100.00	Bronze	Inside Plaque At The DuPage Township Building
\$101.00 - \$199.00	Granite	Outside Plaque In The Cemetery
\$200.00	4" X 8"	Plaza Brick
\$300	4" X 12"	Roman Brick
\$500 and up		Pillar, Bench, Ornamental Marble Pieces, Lighting

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to:

DuPage Township - Boardman Cemetery Fund  
241 Canterbury Lane  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Thank you

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# Group aims to restore historical cemetery

**■ Bolingbrook's past:**  
Fund-raising to support work at Boardman Cemetery

By Jessica Royer  
COPLEY NEWSPAPERS

BOLINGBROOK — Originally, Boardman Cemetery's fence was made of cornstalks.

"You can just imagine this surrounded by corn with two dirt tracks heading out to the road," said Judy Bredeweg, a member of Bolingbrook's Historic Preservation Commission as she surveys the quiet cemetery, which has been here since 1832.

These days, Boardman Cemetery is surrounded by Heritage Creek subdivision and a cyclone (chain-link) fence. It has the look of a shady backyard, just without the house.

"The cyclone fence doesn't really fit in," Bredeweg said. Topped with barbed wire and draped with greenery, the fence looks rather severe for its surroundings. A bright red slide on the playground across the street peeks through the tombstones in one direction, and well-kept suburban homes cozy up on the other sides. But despite appearances, the cemetery caretakers know the fence is necessary.

"I had to bail two of the stones out of the Clarendon Hills Police Department," Bredeweg said. The commission keeps pictures of the 95 headstones on file for ready identification if they're stolen.

"This has been called the most haunted cemetery in the northern area," Bredeweg said. "Kids come from St. Charles to see it. We used to guard it and call the cops, but then, we decided to open it up."

Last Halloween, the commission brought about 400 people on a tour through the cemetery. They also open Boardman on Memorial Day, as well as by appointment.



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**Robert Schanks, DuPage Township supervisor, is a caretaker of the historical Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook. Here, he pieces back together a tombstone from the cemetery, which is in need of restoration and a new fence. A fund-raising campaign will be launched with a golf outing Sept. 17.**

"Almost every time it's open, someone walks in with questions," said Robert Schanks, DuPage Township supervisor and one of the cemetery's caretakers. "That's what it's all about."

The commission has done its homework, too. Members are more than ready to answer the questions visitors might have.

"The Bolingbrook Historical Society (now the Preservation Commission) made it their Bicentennial project to restore the cemetery," said Bredeweg, who was president of the newly formed Historical Society in 1976, as well as Bicentennial chairwoman for Bolingbrook.

The group catalogued the graves, the last of which went in around 1927; raised and restored grave markers, many of which had fallen over and been buried under inches of soil; and began giving tours.

## Former assessor's role

A big participant in these efforts was

then-township Assessor Jim Bengal, who retired from his post late last year.

"He was our assessor for 28 years, and this became his pet project," said township Secretary Joan Heiberger. "The cemetery is in pretty good shape now, but the fence is in bad shape."

After Bengal retired, \$1,800 was left over from money collected for his retirement dinner. He donated this money to begin a cemetery restoration project, and the Boardman Cemetery Committee was formed.

"The committee is made up of members of the township and of the Bolingbrook Preservation Commission," said Cathy Bouley, committee member and president of the preservation commission. "The township oversees the cemetery's land, and the preservation commission watches over the stones and puts on programs."

The committee has 16 members, but Bouley hopes that more will join as fund-raising efforts get under way.

"A cemetery should be a memorial for people," said Schanks, a committee member. "I'm a firm believer in that. We're going to take down this cyclone fence and put in something nice."

Specifically, the committee plans to replace the current fence and entrance gate with a wrought-iron fence, stone pillars and a plaza with seating.

"In effect, a rural cemetery will change to a turn-of-the-century urban cemetery setting," according to a letter announcing the project's first fund-raising event.

## Paying for project

About \$50,000 will be needed to build the fence and plaza, complete with benches and access for the disabled. The committee hopes to have most of the money in hand before beginning the project.

"We're trying to have some fun with this (fund-raising)," Bredeweg said. "We're kicking things off with the RIP golf outing, and we're also selling bricks. Actually, we're selling just about everything that can be sold."

The golf outing will be Sept. 17, but the committee also is planning events such as a fish fry during the Lenten season.

Also, for various amounts donated, contributors can have their names placed on a plaque at the DuPage Township office, a plaque at Boardman Cemetery, on the cemetery's decorative plaza bricks, or on a pillar, bench, ornamental marble piece or lighting fixture.

The committee is eager to get going on the project, and at least some members see this effort as just the beginning of what they'd like to accomplish.

"If I'm still around, I'd like to see (Boardman Cemetery) resodded and have the graves fixed neatly," Schanks said. "There's also Alexander Cemetery in Romeoville. That could be our next project."

For more information about the Boardman Cemetery project, contact Cathy Bouley at (630) 759-1058.



Chris Stanford / Staff photographer

**Jim Bingle, left, and Ed Mecler have spent many Halloween nights at Boardman Cemetery in Bolingbrook. As members of the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission, they offer tours of the site, which was established in 1832, then Mecler stays the rest of the night to guard against vandalism. Urban folklore says the site as haunted.**

# Scaring up interest in history

## Commission offers tours of old cemetery on Halloween

By Terry Ryan

STAFF WRITER

It's the perfect place for a haunting: old tombstones in a dark, fenced-in cemetery. Dark, very dark.

One tombstone reads "Died in defense of his country" for a Civil War soldier. There's a farmer's 2-year-old son from the 1830s; wives, children, and families, the last of whom were laid to rest more than 70 years ago.

It's no wonder there's an urban legend about the Boardman Cemetery on Paxton Drive in Bolingbrook. Departing Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission member Jim Bingle said the legend got started at a Naperville high school. Kids have been coming there for the past 10 years or more, he said. Those caught said it was listed as one of the top mystical sites in the United States, Bingle said.

But when Bingle looked it up, there was no such mention. So goes urban legend.

Members of the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission are certain there's nothing mystical about the place, only historic.

"I've been out there for many years on Halloween night, and there's never been anything else there," said Ed Mecler, commission member and one of the cemetery's neighbors.

It became a popular site for teen-

age Halloween parties - and vandalism. People were knocking over headstones; and two had been stolen. One showed up on a lawn in Clarendon Hills around 1980. It took police two years to find its rightful resting place.

That's why members stand guard every Halloween to make sure no further vandalism occurs. But about five years ago, the commission members got tired of just chasing people off the site. They decided it was the perfect opportunity to share the history of the place and the stories the commission has researched on the people who are buried there.

About 150 people have been showing up every year to take the lantern-lighted tours on Halloween night through the rows of 95 graves. There is no charge for the tours, which will be conducted from 4 to 10 p.m. on Halloween, but donations for the historic commission are accepted. A couple of booklets on Bolingbrook history will also be for sale.

The commission is raising money for a new fence, said Mecler, who is taking over as a caretaker of sorts from Bingle, who is moving to Florida. After the tours are over, Mecler will spend the night in a tent to make sure there's no late arrivals. It's something he's done for the last several years.

He's protecting the graves of pioneers' families from the area: the

Royces, the Westcotts, the Freemans, the Barbers, the Strongs and the Boardmans. It's named after the Boardmans because it was the family's farmland that was donated for the cemetery.

Sara Cleveland, in 1832, was the first to be buried there, Bingle said. Nobody knows much about her, except that she was staying with the Boardmans when she died. It was a family plot for three farming families: the Freemans, the Westcotts and the Boardmans until 1846, when Boardman deeded the land over to Will County and it became a public burying place, Bingle said.

The last body was laid to rest in 1927.

"We're starting to accumulate a lot of information about the families there," commission member Judy Bredeweg said.

Harry Boardman was very active in politics; he was a member of the Cook County Board, and later, when the boundaries changed, he became a member of the Will County Board.

"They were people who were very much aware of what's going on around them and participated in the history of the U.S.," Bredeweg said.

Mecler's goal is to make the cemetery a lot less scary and a lot more of a historic part of the neighborhood.

"We're going to try to make it nice part of neighborhood and history for Bolingbrook," Mecler said.

# Historic cemetery to open to public on Memorial Day

A historic Bolingbrook burying ground, Boardman Cemetery, will be open to the public for tours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.

Members of the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission will be stationed at the Royce Road cemetery to answer questions about the cemetery's history. The day will begin with a 9 a.m. memorial service led by the Bolingbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. At least one Civil War veteran is buried at Boardman.

The cemetery, which is the final resting place for many of the first set-

tlers of DuPage Township, dates back to 1832. It was all but forgotten for nearly three decades until accidentally discovered by a curious teen-ager who stumbled across it in 1972.

The burying ground is named for Captain Harry Boardman, who set aside the hillside he owned for the pioneer community's first cemetery. Under the care of the township now, the cemetery is off Royce Road on Paxson Drive.

Boardman Cemetery is surrounded by the homes of the Heritage Crook subdivision in Bolingbrook. Streets in the subdivision are named for those buried in the ceme-

tery, such as the Harry Boardman, Charles Paxson, Robert Strong and Abner Royce families. For information about the cemetery or open house, call Village Hall at (630) 226-8411.